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Tories rally round after warning that UK cannot scowl in Europe's wings

TIM BISHOP

All together now: the prime minister sits, the party salutes, in a demonstration of unity at the end of an unusually divided Tory conference. He faced his Euro-critics with a pledge to place Britain first

The party waving, not drowning

By Matthew Parris in Brighton

The Tory party with its back to the wall is a formidable beast. In times of trouble, it is interesting to compare the instinct of its MPs — which is to panic, squabble, then save their own skins — with the instinct of party workers, which is to rally round.

Yesterday, representatives, gamely clutching the balloons and flags they'd bought to brighten Mr Major's day, treated themselves to a burst of Purcell and a video of their man's election day triumph. In their hearts they knew he was in trouble (how else do you explain a standing ovation for an *entrance* by Norman Fowler?) and this conference was determined to send him away in better heart. Frankly, he could have mooed, grunted and miaowed for 50 minutes and they would still have given him a six minute standing ovation. This was an audience determined to ovate.

The mood was on them long before the PM himself came in. Waiting for him - and almost doggedly - they roused themselves into Mexican Waves. By the time the Majors arrived, we were all feeling quite jolly. Then came the speech: How odd. It was where John Major was on his trickiest ground that his speech really took off.

The passage on Britain and Europe was brave, tide-turning stuff. The temptation to skate lightly over all of this must have been strong: the decision

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Major wins time with the patriotism card

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

JOHN Major yesterday played the patriotism card to win himself a breathing space in the Conservative party's internal feud over Europe.

Attempting to unite the party after a turbulent Conservative conference, the prime minister faced up to his European critics with a pledge that he would always place Britain's interests first and stand out against a federal Europe.

Mr Major sought to reassert his authority as he prepares for next week's EC summit in Birmingham and a new battle over the Maastricht treaty when the Commons resumes later this month. He warned of the dangers for Britain and his party if they were left on the sidelines of Europe.

It would be an "historic mistake" that the government would not make, he said as he repeated that he would ratify the Maastricht treaty. Britain's future influence would be broken forever if he abandoned it. Britain could not be "scowling in the wings."

In a speech that appeared to be aimed more at the party than the country, and had little economic content, he devoted only two sentences to the withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism. There was only an occasional note of protest during the long passage devoted to Europe, which was punctuated with respectful rather than ecstatic applause. However, the overall response was positive from an audience that clearly wanted to be enthused after the woes of the sterling crisis and the most divided party conference of recent times.

Mr Major attacked the "myths and distortions" of his opponents and, without naming Lady Thatcher or Lord Tebbit, branded them Don Quixotes tilting at windmills. In a speech that appeared last night to have rallied his party behind him, the prime minister appealed to his audience's patriotic instincts and desire for unity. He peppered his speech with statements suggesting that a Britain at the heart of Europe was the best guarantee of prosperity and security. In a 58-minute speech he used the words *British and Britain* 52 times.

He said that at the heart of his European policy was "a cold, clear-eyed calculation of the British national interest". His speech ended with the declaration that Britain's interests would for him come "first, last, and always". He spoke of the need to get the economy into strong and sustainable growth but, like Norman Lamont the day before, he was criticised for failing to set out any measures to achieve it.

John Smith, Labour leader, said Mr Major's speech was a desperate attempt to unite a "fractured" party. Arriving in Brussels for a summit of European socialist leaders ahead of Friday's Birmingham summit, he said: "John Major said nothing about recession, nothing about the economy, nothing about unemployment." Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, said: "The prime minister may have placated the Conservative conference but he has failed to speak for the interests of his country."

But in Brighton last night even the Tory Euro-sceptics were saying that Mr Major had strengthened his position by so firmly outlining his stance. He was praised for recognising openly how the Europe issue tore at people's emotions because there were gut issues at stake.

He roused his audience by promising that he would never allow Britain's identity to be lost in a federal Europe. Britain would have broken faith if he broke his word over Maastricht. "We would be leaving European policy to the French and Germans."

The prime minister echoed Mr Lamont's declaration that the government would take no risks with inflation and his warning of a tough clampdown on public spending He announced that Michael Heseltine would lead an offensive against Brussels and Whitehall regulations on business. He promised to restore Britain's reputation for good behaviour, tarnished by vandalism, and he attacked the "New Age" travellers.

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Main points of the Brighton speech

- Ratification of Maastricht treaty a patriotic duty for Parliament.
- British interests to be put first and federal Europe will be resisted.
- Low inflation and tight control of public spending the route to long-term recovery.
- Private sector boost for road and rail projects.
- Michael Heseltine to scrap red tape strangling business.
- Row with educationists looms over hit squads for inner city schools.
- Benefits and trespass clampdown on new age travellers.

Inflation rate hits target

Inflation figures for September published yesterday provided Norman Lamont with instant confirmation that he was able to hit the 1-4 per cent target he set on Thursday.

The underlying rate, excluding mortgage payments, slowed from an annual 4.2 per cent in August to 4 per cent, the best showing since March 1988. But the headline rate stuck at 3.6 per cent.

The pound rose to DM2.5147, up almost three and a half pfennigs from Thursday and around 14 pfennigs above its post-war low point reached on Monday. It gained against the dollar, too and added 0.8 to its trade-weighted index.

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Gulf tension grows as Iraqis seize American

From Christopher Walker in Manama, Bahrain

THE United States and Iraq were last night heading towards a potential new confrontation after the seizure by the Iraqi security police on Thursday of an American contractor working on mine-clearing operations close to the bitterly contested Kuwaiti-Iraqi border.

While the US used both Polish diplomatic and UN channels to try to negotiate the release of the abducted man, Chad Hall, large quantities of allied fire power were on hand in the region in the event of any call for military retaliation against Iraqi targets.

The abduction, apparently conducted at gunpoint, coincided with a four-power naval conference in Bahrain after the arrival here of the Russian anti-submarine ship *Admiral Vinogradov*, which will be joining British, American and French naval forces in enforcing UN sanctions against Iraq.

The US has a 23-strong battle fleet based in the Gulf and around the aircraft carrier *USS Ranger*. British and French war planes including six Tornados are also in the area helping to implement the no-fly zone over southern Iraq imposed in August.

The seizure of Mr Hall comes after claims by UN and diplomatic sources that Iraqi intelligence has been offering cash rewards for the abduction of Westerners in the border area. Diplomatic sources have not ruled out that signposts may have been tampered with by the Iraqis to confuse Westerners in the demilitarised zone which runs either side of the border.

British sources said that it had not been ruled out that Paul Ride, the British caterer sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for allegedly crossing the border illegally, had been lured into Iraq by misleading signposts.

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Lloyd's cleared

The 14-month investigation into massive personal losses suffered by members of the Gooda Walker syndicates at Lloyd's has cleared the market of fraud or regulatory failure. The full report is being distributed to "names" this weekend ..... Page 17

Rail and Tube fares set to increase by 8%

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

AVERAGE British Rail and London Transport fares are set to increase substantially more than inflation from January, with some increases likely to be in the 7 per cent to 8 per cent bracket, it was disclosed yesterday.

Most of the increases are needed to help offset the continuing decline in income from passenger fares and property sales, and to fend off further cuts in BR and London Underground's investment programmes. Other increases are, however, designed to reflect improvements in services due to recent investment schemes. Rail managers say that, while demand continues to decline, services may have to be cut further to reduce costs.

Network SouthEast planners fear that without an increase in government subsidy, due to be announced shortly in the Chancellor's autumn statement, rail managers could be forced to give priority to core routes, leaving the more marginal routes to fall further behind the modernisation timetable. During 1991-92, BR received a £767 million operating subsidy from government.

John Nelson, Network SouthEast's managing director, said that 2,500 miles of track will have to be relaid. In addition, during the next 15 years 60 per cent of the region's signalling will have to be renewed, while a quarter of all rolling stock will be 40 years old. "At that age rolling stock is facing not so much a midlife crisis but the last rites," he added.

Michael Patterson, secretary of the central transport consultative committee, the rail watchdog, said: "This is a policy of despair. The one thing you cannot do in a recession is price passengers off the railway. Real fare increases are acceptable only where there have been material improvements in services."

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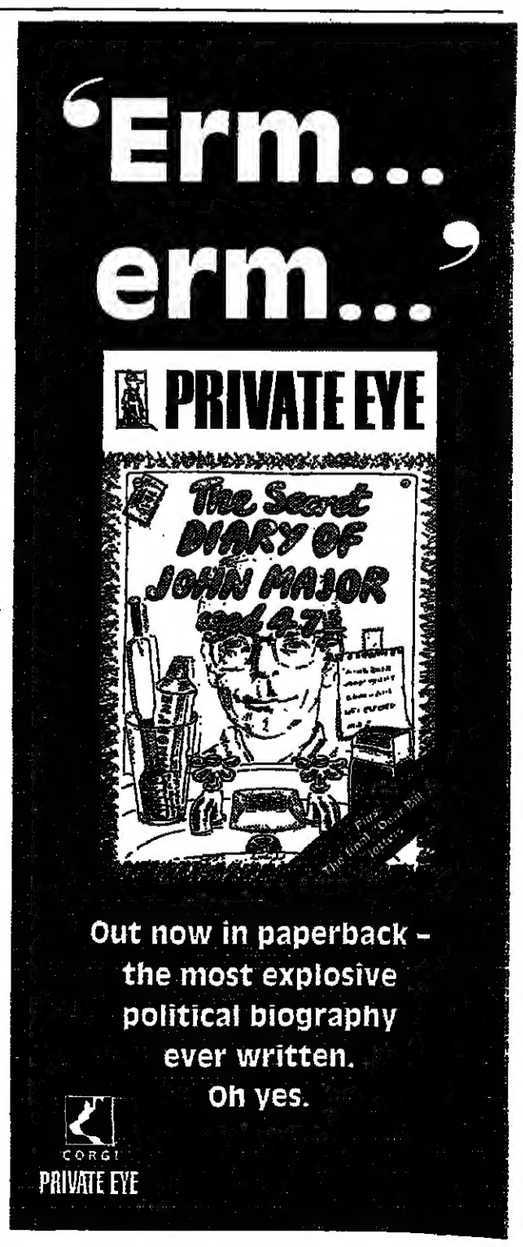

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Inflation figures and stronger pound raise hopes of rate cut

By A Staff Reporter

ENCOURAGING inflation figures and a stronger pound rekindled hopes yesterday that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, will soon order a further interest rate cut.

Mr Lamont's new inflation target of between 1 and 4 per cent was met last month. The underlying rate, which excludes mortgage interest payments, fell from 4.2 to 4 per cent. Headline inflation, the traditional measure of rising prices, remained at 3.6 per cent for the second month and is expected to drop to 3 per cent by the end of the year.

Mr Lamont welcomed the fall, saying that low inflation remained "the only lasting base for sustainable growth and secure employment". He added: "Today's figures show that underlying inflation has fallen to its lowest level since March 1988 and that the UK's headline rate has been below the EC average for over a year."

Sterling climbed three pfennigs to DM2.5185, although the rise was linked to a weaker mark rather than inflation news. The new-found strength of the pound and weaker inflation would provide the government with an opportunity to cut interest rates from the current level of 9 per cent, economists said. The pound has rallied more than 14 pfennigs since its slump on Monday, leading the City to expect a half-point cut in interest rates.

Inflation is expected to remain weak over the next few months despite the sterling devaluation. Prices rose 0.4 per cent between August and September, due mainly to a rise in clothing and footwear prices as the summer sales ended. Admission prices to football matches and higher pub beer prices helped inflate the retail price index over the month but the increases are not enough to alarm economists.

Robert Lind of UBS Phillips & Drew said that the deflationary momentum in the economy was slowing. He expected the underlying rate of inflation to remain in the target range for at least 18 months.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said that inflation remained higher than Japan's 2.2 per cent, France's 2.7 per cent and America's 3.2 per cent. The underlying rate was higher than Germany's 3.6 per cent. He added: "It is time the prime minister told us his policies for the real economy, for tackling job losses, low investment, company closures and the problems of the housing market."

☐ House prices have now fallen an average 7.5 per cent over the past year, the Halifax price index, issued yesterday, shows (Rachel Kelly writes). House prices fell by 3.1 per cent in September, although the seasonally adjusted index figure showed a 2.7 per cent fall.

The Halifax said that the fall, the worst since the index began in 1983, was distorted by a lack of sales after the rush to beat the August 19 deadline on stamp duty. The quarterly figures, which show that house prices fell by 1 per cent during the third quarter of this year, painted a more realistic picture of the underlying state of the market, it said.

The worst falls were in the North West, where prices fell by 2.8 per cent over the last quarter. The East Midlands, however, escaped the falls. House prices there have risen for the second successive quarter and are 2.1 per cent higher than at the beginning of the year.

Prices have continued to fall throughout much of the rest of the South of England in the third quarter, although the change in the South West was extremely small, at minus 0.1 per cent.

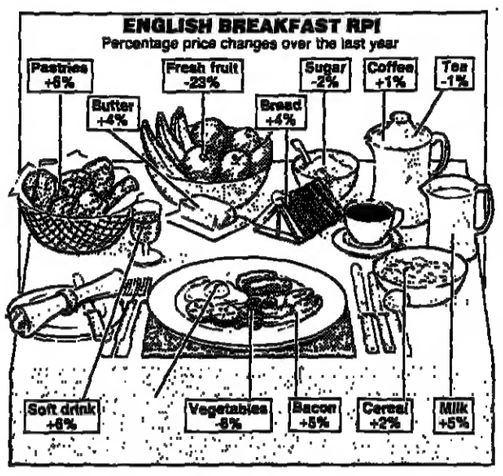
Prices in London fell by 1.7 per cent over the quarter. "Recovery in the housing market is dependent on recovery in the economy as a whole and particularly on a moderation in the rate of increase of unemployment," the Halifax said.

"The recent fall in interest rates will help the market but further falls are necessary for confidence to be restored. Specific measures aimed at boosting the housing market would be a welcome sign of the government's commitment to the owner-occupier and would further add to confidence."

John Wriglesworth, housing analyst from UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "The trend in house prices is nothing but downwards." Both the Nationwide and the Halifax price indices fell in July and August.

"I do not expect any recovery in the housing market for the next 18 months unless something is done to increase confidence," Dr Wriglesworth said. "I predict a 5 per cent fall next year in house prices, and that is assuming that base rates fall to 7 per cent."

The underlying market remained weak because of fear of unemployment and further house price falls, the problem of more than a million people with negative equity and the oversupply of unsold houses, Dr Wriglesworth said.



PRICES OVER PAST 12 MONTHS

PRICES UP	% rise
Food	1.4
Bread	4.0
Cereals	2.0
Biscuits/cakes	6.0
Beef	1.0
Lamb	9.0
Pork	5.0
Bacon	5.0
Butter	4.0
Oil/fat	1.0
Cheese	12.0
Eggs	6.0
Fresh milk	5.0
Milk products	1.0
Coffee/hot drinks	1.0
Soft drinks	6.0
Sweets/chocolates	5.0
Potatoes	1.0
Other foods	2.0
Catering	5.4
Restaurant meals	5.0
Canteen meals	6.0
Takeaway and snacks	6.0
Alcoholic drinks	4.8
Beer	5.0
— sales	5.0
— off-sales	4.0
Wines/spirits	5.0
— on sales	5.0
— off-sales	4.0
Tobacco	9.5
Cigarettes	10.0
Tobacco	9.0
Housing	3.9
Rent	8.0
Rates/community charge	13.0
Water etc	10.0
Repairs etc	4.0
DIY materials	3.0
House insurance/grd rent	2.0
Fuel and light —	
Coal/solid fuels	3.0
Electricity	2.0
Household goods	1.8
Furniture	3.0
Household consumables	5.0
Pet care	1.0

PRICES UP continued	% rise
Household services	5.1
Postage	8.0
Telephone etc	1.0
Domestic services	5.0
Fees and subscriptions	8.0
Personal goods and services	5.7
Personal articles	2.0
Chemists' goods	8.0
Personal services	9.0
Motoring expenditure	4.8
Purchase — motor vehicles	3.0
Maintenance/motor vehicles	7.0
Vehicles tax and insurance	17.0
Fares and other travel costs	5.7
Rail fares	7.0
Bus and coach fares	6.0
Other travel costs	4.0
Leisure goods	2.4
Records and tapes	4.0
Toys/photo/sports goods	1.0
Books and newspapers	8.0
Gardening products	4.0
Leisure services	6.4
Television licences/rentals	3.0
Entertainment/recreation	8.0

PRICES DOWN	% fall
Consumer durables	0.2
Poultry	4.0
Tea	1.0
Sugar and preserves	2.0
Unprocessed potatoes	4.0
Vegetables	8.0
Fruit	17.0
— Fresh fruit	23.0
Mortgage interest payments	3.0
Fuel and light	0.4
Gas	3.0
Oil	18.0
Men's overwear	1.0
Footwear	1.0
Audiovisual equipment	6.0

SAME PRICE (no change)
Fish; furnishings; electrical appliances; women's overwear; children's overwear; petrol and oil.

Publishers play coy over book's contents

Material girl: Madonna arriving at a party in Hamburg to promote her video

Madonna hype stripped bare

By Alan Hamilton

FOR the second time this year, the publishing industry is employing the art of the stripper to sell a book. Keep them drooling with a hint of nipple, a flash of thigh, but don't show them everything at once. Expectation is usually more erotic than achievement.

Andrew Morton achieved huge sales of his thin discourse on the private life of the Princess of Wales by hinting at truly orgasmic disclosure and by not letting a living soul see the text in advance. Now the same technique is being employed by Madonna, an actress and singer who is allowing the world to see photographs of her bare bottom.

Copies of *Sex*, a book of photographs of Madonna, said to show her in a kaleidoscopic variety of poses illustrating the entire sexual canon from lesbianism to bondage, go on sale throughout the world on October 21. Thanks to a magnificently orchestrated advance publicity campaign, the whole world, or at least that half of it which is either deficiently male, militantly feminist, or stands to make money, is on heat.

This week, French customs officers seized 25,000 copies, but were obliged to release them. Stories appeared in some British newspapers claiming — wrongly — that Customs and Excise and Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad were bringing a test case to show the book's pornographic content.

Secker and Warburg paid nearly £1 million for British rights to the book, which will sell at £25 a copy. Madonna is said to disclose her ultimate female intimacies in 128 pages of photographs, but in the marketing of the product, coyness is all. No review copies are available, and only a handful of booksellers and reviewers have been allowed a glimpse of the book.

No copies would be available before publication day. Madonna is to appear at a publication party in the United States on October 15, at which the only thing missing will be the book. The singer is unlikely to be present at the British launch.

The novelist Martin Amis was dispatched to New York to interview Madonna, but she declined to see him on the grounds that he was too famous. Andrew Neil, editor of *The Sunday Times*, flew out on a similar mission.

Mr Neil will be scooped by the rival *Observer*, which has bought nine photographs from the book and plans to publish them in its recently revamped colour magazine tomorrow.

For their £1 million Secker and Warburg also bought the rights to a sequel to be published next year, titled *The Wit and Wisdom of Madonna*.

It sounds, if anything, even more distasteful than *Sex*.

Police combine to smash porn ring

Police have smashed a hard-core pornography network after a five-month investigation across five counties in England (Richard Ford writes). Eleven men and one woman face prosecution under the Obscene Publications Act after officers raided adult shops and private addresses, seizing videos and books depicting bondage, sado-masochism and self-mutilation, police said yesterday.

A spokesman for West Midlands police, which co-ordinated Operation Rouge, said that the material seized was a mixture of soft and hard-core pornography. About 150 officers from the West Midlands, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Hampshire and Dorset were involved in the raids in Wolverhampton, Coventry, Derby, Leicester, Poole, Bournemouth and Southampton.

Inspector Tim Russell, of West Midlands police, who led the operation, said: "The operation has dealt a major blow to the criminal organisation of hard-core pornography." The largest find was in Leicester, where sado-masochistic videos valued at more than £100,000 were discovered in several "safe" warehouses.

Dutch release killer

A triple killer has been freed by a Dutch court, in spite of British efforts to have him returned to Broadmoor to serve the rest of a life sentence for murder. Alan Reeve, who escaped in 1981, has now disappeared after the court in Zwolle refused to allow him to be detained in jail pending deportation. The Dutch government has appealed against the decision. Britain sought his extradition earlier this year when it heard that he was to be given parole after serving ten years of a 15-year sentence for the attempted murder of a Dutch police officer. He had been sent to Broadmoor in 1964 after stabbing a boy aged 15 to death. While in the hospital, he strangled another patient. Before his parole in Holland, a doctor was sent from Britain to examine him and decide if he remained a danger. The doctor reported that Reeve was psychopathic.

Loyalists admit killing

Loyalist gunmen yesterday shot dead a conservation worker whom they alleged was a police informer (Edward Gorman writes). The victim, 37, a Protestant from Holywood, co. Down, was killed at about 11.15am when a lone, masked gunman approached him at a conservation site in east Belfast and fired twice at close range with a shotgun. The assailant then made off in a stolen car driven by an accomplice. The Loyalist splinter group the Red Hand Commando admitted the killing. The group, which is associated with the Ulster Volunteer Force, named its victim as Michael Anderson and alleged that he had helped to "set up" a number of Loyalists.

Appeal against cuts

Leading charities, including Help the Aged, Save the Children and Shelter, appealed to the government yesterday to resist cuts in public expenditure. In a joint statement, described by Oxfam as the first of its kind, the charities said that public generosity should be matched by government spending. Spending cuts would shift the costs of recession on to those least able to pay, such as millions of pensioners, income support claimants, children, people with disabilities, and overseas aid recipients. "The charities ask what kind of society we are becoming to contemplate cutting assistance to people who are already bearing the brunt of economic recession," the statement said.

Ewart-Biggs service

A public memorial service is to be held for Baroness Ewart-Biggs, who died of cancer on Wednesday, her husband, Kevin O'Sullivan, said yesterday. Her funeral will be private. Lady Ewart-Biggs, 63, and Mr O'Sullivan married last month. "In the end, Jane clearly wanted to do something positive and good because, as she saw doctor after doctor, as she put it herself: 'The news is always so bad, so let's do something good,'" he told the *Evening Standard* in London. "We had a marriage in all but the legal thing, and it was something we both wanted very much to do. And I must say we were quite right."

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Prisoner sends news

Michael Wainwright, right, the British cyclist jailed for ten years in Iraq, has contacted his family for the first time since his arrest in May. A three-line note arrived through Russian diplomats and a letter via the Red Cross. His sister Heather Horne, of Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, said: "He says he is in the open prison near Baghdad. He feels well and hopes the family is the same."

'Mad cow' cases peak

New cases of "mad cow" disease, the brain condition that has led to the death of more than 70,000 cattle since 1986, should be down to no more than 2,000 a year by 1996, a government scientist said yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes). That would not be many more than the number of new cases of the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), now being reported every fortnight. John Wilesmith, head of epidemiology at the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Weybridge, Surrey, said he expected numbers to peak this year at about 44,000.

Patten wants teaching pay tied to results

By John O'Leary, Education Correspondent

TEACHERS should lose their right to automatic pay rises and have their salaries related entirely to performance, John Patten, the education secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Patten told the School Teachers' Review Body that the government was forecasting a continuing fall in inflation and it was realistic to work towards arrangements where any increase was triggered solely by performance.

The existing system, which takes classroom teachers from £11,000 to £18,000 via ten annual increments, will alter from April if Mr Patten's proposals are carried through. Pilot studies may be conducted in grant-maintained schools. Although Mr Patten does not envisage an immediate switch to payment entirely according to performance, he has told the review body that changes should "concentrate the minds" of governing bodies on the need to assess staff and reward them accordingly.

The teaching unions were fiercely critical of the proposals. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said 423,000 teachers had been conned by the government. "It is impossible to devise a scheme which would work fairly in 25,000 schools," he said.

☐ David Summerscale, headmaster of Westminster School, yesterday warned colleagues against entering a "dangerous race" to improve facilities for pupils. At the opening of the Independent 92 exhibition in Islington, north London, he said that schools faced new pressures and challenges.

The exhibition, organised by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* with the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), runs until tomorrow evening. More than 250 schools will be represented.

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CORRECTION

CRAIG Brown recently confused the identities of the Maxwell brothers (*and moreover* column, September 24) by wrongly suggesting that Ian had, among other things, grown a beard and gone bankrupt. It was in fact his brother Kevin to whom Craig Brown intended to refer, and we apologise to Ian Maxwell for our mistake.

Stiff upper lips defy IRA bomb

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

NOT even the IRA can separate an English gentleman from his chocolate pudding. Lord Sudeley, president of the Monday Club, yesterday described how he and seven guests refused to allow an IRA bomb in the street below his London flat to stop them from finishing their dessert.

The bomb went off on Thursday night by a Volvo car close to Marylebone station. Nobody was injured in the blast, which followed another earlier explosion in Tooley Street, south London. Police believe both were random attacks by the IRA and are appealing for two cyclists seen near the first blast to come forward.

Lord Sudeley, 53, said he and his dinner companions remained composed as the bomb exploded below his third-floor flat, blowing out four windows, including ones in the dining room. "Everyone retained their sang-froid. Some of the guests looked out of the window but it didn't interrupt the party. We went back to our conversation and our pudding. It was a nice chocolate pudding."

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Undercover police foiled raid on vault

Judge jails gangsters in KLM kidnap plot

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A ROBBER who plotted to steal millions of pounds in cash and jewellery from an airline security vault at Heathrow was sentenced to 20 years in prison by the Old Bailey yesterday after being trapped by an undercover detective posing as a criminal "heavy".

Peter White, 35, from Heston, west London, planned the robbery after getting a job as a warehouseman with KLM, the Dutch airline, despite a list of criminal convictions. His accomplice, Carl Harrison, 30, from Hounslow, west London, was given 16 years for his part in the plan, which involved kidnapping a warehouse supervisor and forcing him to open the vault by torturing his wife.

If the plan had succeeded, the gang would have netted £6.5 million in gold, cash and valuables held in the vault on the day they planned to strike last December. The vault always held a minimum of £5 million but on some days held as much as £40 million. Police will not comment on the level of security at the warehouse or whether guards were employed, but they say that a lot of time has been spent reviewing procedures.

White and Harrison had admitted conspiracy to rob and to kidnap. Sentencing them yesterday, Judge Laughland said that their actions fell into the rare category of "abnormal crime". They were after an "enormous prize" and, where exceptional rewards were sought, exceptional punishment was required. He said: "The sentences have to have about them an element of deterrence in order that others in this modern age, where sophisticated crime can be so profitable, are discouraged from doing what you did."

The plot was hatched after White studied the vault and its sophisticated defences while working in the warehouse. Realising that there was no hope of a frontal assault, he studied the personnel records of staff who had keys. He chose Ian Blake, 50, a supervisor, as his target.

The plan was to kidnap Mr Blake and his wife, Ann, just before Mr Blake was to begin a Sunday shift. Mrs Blake would be tortured with cigarette burns until her husband agreed to go to the warehouse with Harrison and open the vault. The contents would be loaded on to a waiting van.

White had arranged to work overtime that day and would be keeping watch on Mr Blake. If he did not carry out his role, White would contact his accomplices at Mr Blake's home on a mobile telephone.

After the robbery, the valuables were to have been flown out of Britain from an airfield at Elstree, Hertfordshire, by a man, identified only as Derek, whom White had met in prison. Unknown to White, Derek was a police informant and contacted a regional crime squad.

Police watched the gang and, through Derek, introduced an undercover detective, known as Frank. He met the gang several times and the meetings were recorded. As the day of the robbery approached, a second undercover officer, called Jimmy, joined the gang posing as a getaway driver. Frank was to help kidnap the Blakes and take Mr Blake to the warehouse.

At dawn on the day of the planned robbery, Harrison crept towards the Blakes' home in Staines, Surrey, armed with a revolver and wearing a balaclava. Lying in wait was a police team.

Mr Blake had been taken to safety the night before. The gang had miscalculated about Mrs Blake: she was away for the weekend.

Unknown officers dress for success

OPERATION Daedalus is the latest success for the growing police use of undercover officers to infiltrate criminal activities. Often used to trap drug traffickers, the "UCs" in London are drawn from a specially trained pool of police officers who attend a Scotland Yard course (Stewart Tendler writes).

Operating on their own under false identities, which can include false criminal records, the officers may pose as rough and ready robbers like "Frank" in the KLM case or top-level drug dealers, art thieves and receivers. Last month, another undercover operation disclosed a loose network dealing in guns, forged notes and explosives.

Unarmed, the officers are watched over when possible by hidden teams of surveillance men to protect them. They are often not even equipped with hidden microphones. No undercover officer has been killed but a number have been injured in attacks.

Undercover officers are trained in how to carry themselves off as criminals and are also schooled in the law. They must never be seen to encourage or take part in crime. Some defence lawyers have doubts about the use of the officers and a number of cases have collapsed, including London investigations several years ago into football hooligans. Many others have succeeded.

In court, judges and lawyers are asked to conceal the undercover officers' identities to protect them from revenge and to enable them to infiltrate the underworld again.

The two undercover officers involved in Daedalus may receive commendations from the Yard for their work. The awards will never be officially published and the presentations will go unreported even within police publications.

Designers withdraw from race for award

By John Young

THE policemen and the security guards looked distinctly edgy, considering that they were guarding a fashion show on a Friday afternoon in the Kings Road, Chelsea. But the venue was after all an army barracks, and in these unhappy days there is no guessing the next target.

In a burst of unexpected sunshine and a fusillade of loud, thumping music, the fashion world launched its annual London Designer Show, aiming to do for the British rag trade what Paris and Milan do to boost the franc and the lira. Women in bathing costumes bounced up and down the floodlit catwalk, accompanied by chatter and excitement.

But much of the buzz was over news that two of the nominated designers had withdrawn their names from the British Designer of the Year Awards, to be presented on Monday evening. The gesture by Paul Smith, the menswear star, seemed to be saying self-congratulation was inappropriate when many parts of the industry were suffering, while Jasper Conran claimed the judging criteria were not well enough defined. Some interpreted this as a criticism of Rifat Ozbek, another nominee, who manufactures his collection in Milan.

Coincidentally, the show's opening came only a day after the revelation that the prime minister's wife would be appearing at the Conservative party conference in Brighton wearing a £550 suit made in Germany. Shops in Brighton and elsewhere, it was said, were full of continental designs because the shoddy old Brits were not up to the task.

Alison Lloyd and Caroline Charles were there, or at least their products were, with Arabella Pollen and a lot of other distinguished designers whom ignorant male journalists in shabby suits or worse had to confess to never having heard of.

But why an army barracks? John Wilson, chief executive of the British Fashion Council, said: "In the past they have been very unhappy with the big exhibition halls, and hotels don't seem to be able to lay on the facilities we have here."

Defending the industry's record, he pointed out that annual sales were worth some £6.5 billion and that it employed nearly 250,000 people. Exports were worth £2 billion a year and rose by 13 per cent in 1991 and a further 10 per cent in the first six months of this year. The main growth areas were in Europe, notably Germany and the increase in imports was slowing down.

"We know we have got a very difficult recessionary climate in Britain and that is the main reason why we are anxious to improve our performance overseas," he said.

Annette Worsley-Taylor, director of the London Designer collections, pointed out that designer clothes represented only about 2 per cent of sales. But they were important in promoting the idea of good design. "I think there has been an acceptance of mediocrity in this country for too long," she said.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Waving the flag: models for Caroline Charles's collection show off some of the best of British fashion design

Oscar winner leapt to death

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

AN OSCAR-WINNING British designer who that felt his artistic talent was being stifled by Hollywood bureaucrats killed himself by jumping off the top of a Los Angeles hospital car park, an inquest was told yesterday.

Anton Furst, 47, an art director, won an Oscar for his design work on *Batman*. After the break-up of his second marriage, he began suffering from depression and felt that he had lost his independence to the Hollywood film companies.

Mr Furst, who lived in Beverly Hills and had two children, was estimated to be earning about £500,000 a year when he died. He had just been appointed director of *Midknight*, a film biography of the singer Michael Jackson.

Mr Furst was born in Essex and brought up in Uckfield, East Sussex. He studied at the Royal College of Art under Sir Hugh Casson and, after leaving in 1969, he created a touring light show for the rock group The Who. He went on to design special effects for the films *Superman*, *Star Wars*, *Alien* and *Moonraker*.

In the 1980s, he created the sets for *The Company of Wolves* and *Full Metal Jacket*. Mr Furst moved to Hollywood after his Oscar and set up a company, developing film projects that he would design and direct. Friends said that Columbia Pictures, which was underwriting his company, prevented him from working on the Warner Brothers film *Batman Returns*.

After breaking up with his second wife, Penny Fielding, he became depressed and dependent on tranquillisers.

Yesterday's hearing in Eastbourne, East Sussex, was told that last November his friend Nigel Phelps drove him to the Midway Hospital, Los Angeles, where he was to receive help with his attempts at drug withdrawal. While Mr Phelps was parking, Mr Furst leapt 80ft to his death.

Dr David Wadman, the coroner, recorded a verdict of suicide.

Furst: felt stifled by Hollywood bureaucracy

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Maastricht: the full text

The Treaty of Maastricht is one of the most important documents concerning the future of this country, yet few people in Britain have seen it — until now. Tomorrow, The Sunday Times publishes the full, 61,000-word text of

the Maastricht Treaty, in a special 24-page supplement. The issue of Europe tore the Tory party apart this week, but how many ministers have read the treaty, which covers everything from monetary union to working hours . . ? Stay informed. Don't miss this important issue of The Sunday Times

Pupils weep for their murdered classmate

By Paul Wilkinson

SCHOOLFRIENDS of Nikki Allen, the Sunderland seven-year-old found battered to death on Thursday, broke down and wept at school assembly yesterday as they were asked to say a prayer for her.

It was a sign of the anger and emotion filling this tough corner of northeast England over her murder. Nikki's home was a flat in Wear Garth, a sprawling block in the city's rundown East End. People there are used to the rough side of life, many have no work, petty crime is high and drug-users and glue-sniffers are often seen. The savage and seemingly motiveless killing has, however, got through to even the most inured local.

Reporters are as likely to be spat on as given a quote on how feelings are running, but that is just as telling.

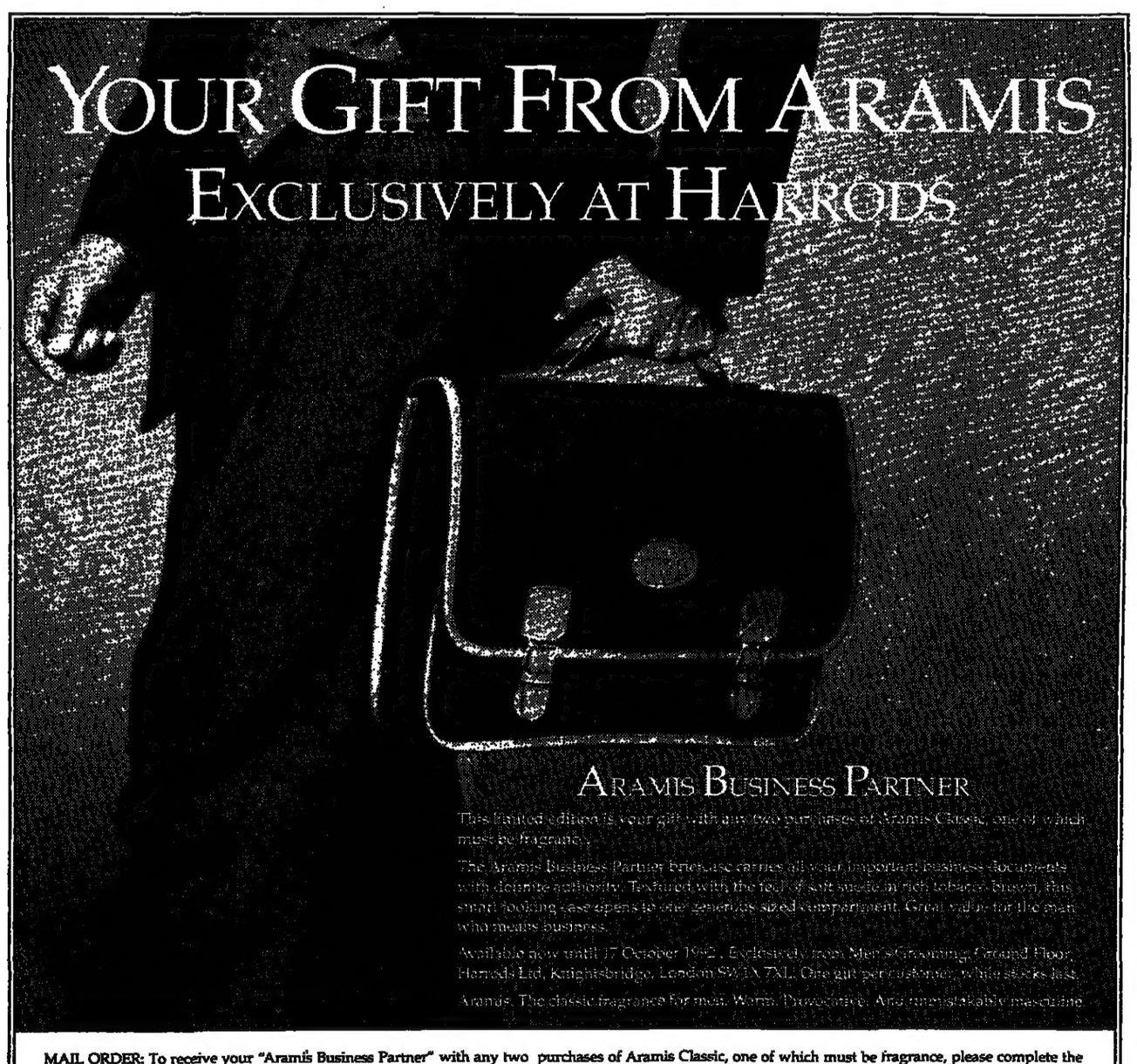
Bill Cairns, head of St John and St Patrick's primary school, which Nikki attended, said: "Everyone in the school has been emotional and will be until this sickening affair is sorted out. The memory of Nikki will live on, but we hope the community will go back to normal as soon as possible."

At assembly, Mr Cairns told children that Nikki had been a sweet pupil. He asked them not to mope over her because she would not have wanted that, but said they should not to be ashamed to cry for her.

It is the nature of Nikki's death that has stunned so many. Crossing the 100-yard wide courtyard of the flats, from her grandmother's home to her own late on Wednesday, she was out of sight of her mother, Sharon, for less than a minute. That was, however, enough time for her killer to snatch her away. "No parent can keep a child of that age so close every minute of the day," said one parent on the estate. Searchers found Nikki's body in a derelict warehouse, less than 400 yards away, on Thursday.

Yesterday, police confirmed that the girl had not been sexually assaulted and said that an anonymous caller had told them that he had spoken on Wednesday to a teenager who said that she had seen a blood-covered man. Det Supt George Sinclair appealed for the caller to come forward.

Witnesses have said that they saw Nikki, after her mother lost sight of her, asking for money outside the Boar's Head public house. Mr Sinclair said that he thought that the killer knew the area well to be able to find his way into the warehouse.



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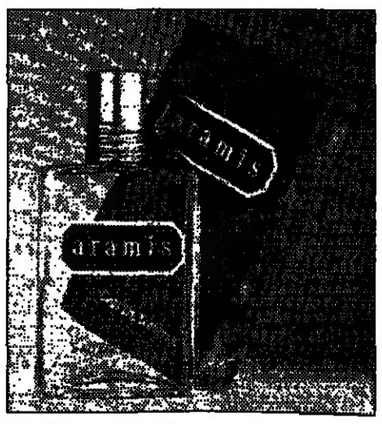

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Hospital consultants forced emergencies to wait on trolleys

By Alison Roberts

EMERGENCY patients were kept waiting on trolleys because consultants at a London teaching hospital blocked their admission to wards, a newly released report shows.

In-patients at King's College Hospital, south London, were kept in hospital longer than necessary to guarantecee beds for particular consultants and to prevent them being used for emergencies, the report says.

The practice, which experts say is widespread among consultants, was condemned by Tessa Jowell, Labour MP for Dulwich, who said that consultants at King's College Hospital regarded the deployment of beds as "the management of their own fiefdom". She added: "This was a hospital that was held in the thrall of the consultants."

The report on the hospital, which followed the deaths of two pensioners left for hours unseen by doctors, condemns bed management policies. It says that patients were kept in "until the next elective patient was admitted, so as not to allow the bed to be used for an emergency patient".

Recommendations made by an enquiry into the hospital's accident and emergency department were announced several months ago, but the main body of the report has only just come to light after pressure from London MPs. They have criticised the apparent secrecy surrounding the report and accused Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, of withholding it for two months.

The enquiry was chaired by Peter Higgins, vice-chairman of South-East Thames Regional Health Authority. Its report heavily criticises the organisation of King's emergency department.

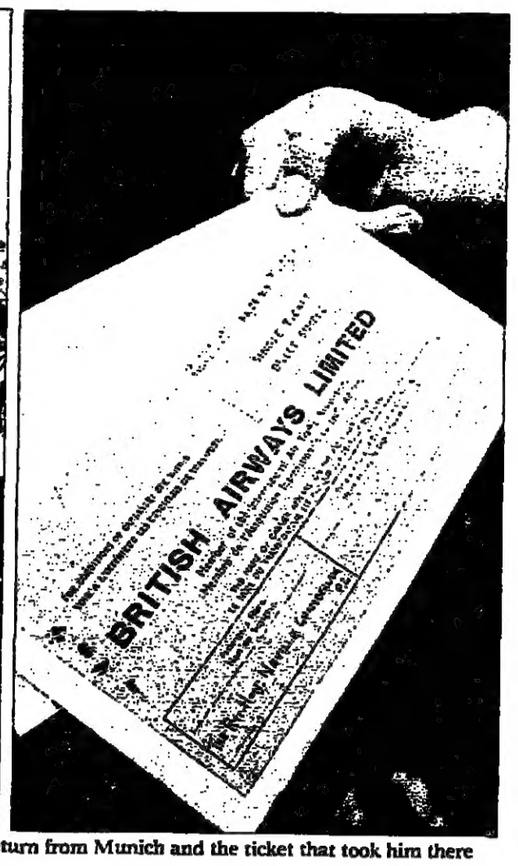
The permanent staff there are praised, but worked in conditions described to enquiry team members as "crazy" and "like the Third World". There was a "gulf between corporate decisions and individual willingness to implement them" and some consultants are singled out as standing in the way of changes to improve efficiency.

"The failure to deal with conditions in the accident and emergency department is an habitual one and must arise from a refusal by the consultant staff as a body to accord them the attention and priority they require," the report says.

John Yates, of the Health Services Management Centre, said that consultants in other hospitals were known to carry out similar policies to safeguard beds and that this could contribute to the lack of emergency beds. "This sort of thing does happen, but it would be wrong to suggest that it always holds admissions up," he said.

The hospital said that "bed blocking" had been a problem but no longer occurred. None of the consultants had been disciplined, but they had been told to stop protecting beds for their own patients. "We have been reviewing the accident and emergency admissions for some time. These practices were a problem, but we have now tackled them through normal managerial procedures," a spokesman said.

The division between specialist medicine and general services is seen as creating difficulties at all London teaching hospitals and is partly a cause of the Tomlinson enquiry, which is expected to recommend the closure of at least one London hospital in a report later this month. The condemnation of concentration on specialist facilities was criticised by the King's Fund, an independent think-tank, earlier this year.



"Peace with honour": Neville Chamberlain on his return from Munich and the ticket that took him there

A piece of history in our time

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Saleroom Correspondent

THE ticket that enabled the former prime minister Neville Chamberlain to fly to Munich for his historic pre-war meeting with Adolf Hitler in September 1938 is to be sold on October 30.

After the meeting, Mr Chamberlain said the agreement signed between France, Italy, Britain and Germany was "symbolic of the desire of our two peoples never to go to war again". Vast crowds greeted his return. In Downing Street later, he said he had secured "peace with honour, peace for our time."

In his pocket was the British Airways Ltd return ticket from Heston airfield to Munich, which Christie's is now offering for between £3,000 and £5,000. The airline was a forerunner of BA.

The auction at South Kensington of autographed letters and ephemera will also include a complete deck of mid-nineteenth century pornographic playing cards, estimate £300 and £500.

St Thomas's makes late plea for survival

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

THE war of attrition between Guy's and St Thomas's hospitals was stepped up yesterday with the release of research showing that St Thomas's central London location is vital if the capital is to have a comprehensive casualty service. The findings come as Sir Bernard Tomlinson puts the finishing touches to a report that will recommend the closure of one of them.

The Tomlinson enquiry has concluded that both hospitals cannot survive in the NHS market, but the argument is finely balanced over which should close. Both are judged to be equally vulnerable to the loss of contracts from health authorities, although latest figures suggest that Guy's is currently suffering more.

Speculation over Guy's financial difficulties has been fuelled by the hospital's failure to hold its annual meeting by the statutory deadline of September 30. The meeting was delayed because auditors did not sign the trust's accounts until that date.

The condition of buildings at Guy's is judged to be worse than those at St Thomas's, which would be easier to adapt for a different use, such as an undergraduate medical school. The Tomlinson committee has accepted that Guy's main advantage is the political backing it enjoys. As the flagship hospital for the government's health reforms, ministers would find it difficult to contemplate closure.

In a late submission to the enquiry, St Thomas's accepts the need to close 850 beds in south London but says that this can be achieved by the closure of three smaller hospitals — Brook, Dulwich and Hither Green — leaving St Thomas's and Guy's intact.

Research commissioned by St Thomas's from Imperial College's department of transport shows that the hospital has almost a third more people living or working within ten minutes' travelling time than Guy's. It says that Guy's accident and emergency department should be closed and transferred to St Thomas's. Guy's could then be developed as a specialist hospital.

The plan would cost £52 million to implement, but save £37 million a year. St Thomas's has invested £70 million over the past five years.

'Funny Japs' fail to find press amusing

Clive James is the star turn at a conference on anti-Japanese bias, **Joe Joseph** reports

ARE the Japanese really painted as blackly by Britain's press as they suspect they are? Apparently, according to a new study, which detects a negative bias in all papers except the *Financial Times*.

Even more damned than their big cousins are the British tabloids, which are accused of using "viciousness, vacuity and sheer negative spitefulness in their treatment of items on Japan".

But while the survey's findings carry the ring of recognition, some may be as selective, in their own way, as the newspapers they appear to criticise.

The results of the six-month study, Japanese-funded and carried out by Professor Douglas Anthony, director of Cardiff University's Centre for Japanese Studies, will be presented to a conference in Cardiff today on how Britain's press angles reports of events in Japan.

Professor Anthony found that in tabloids, "negative stories predominate. Many items were of the 'funny Japs' variety. The other three main areas of concentration were the hunting and eating of whales and dolphins. Japanese wartime atrocities stories and the Japanese contribution to the Gulf war."

Serious dailies have their knuckles rapped for failing to give Japan the space it merits. Joining them in the dock are the Sunday broadsheets where, apart from reports on their financial pages, "long, illustrated articles ... all negative in choice of subject and manner of writing, predominate."

Japan is not alone in being flailed by British tabloids. Ask the royals or David Mellor.

The difficulty of analysing the subject is compounded by other factors, too. One is that Japan is so quick to accuse its critics of indulging in "Japan-bashing", that any criticism of Japanese policies, however intellectually argued, can swiftly become mired in a debate not about the issues but about whether the critic — of, say, whaling, aid policy, or Japan's actions in the Gulf war — is merely Japan-bashing in disguise. Sometimes he is. Often he isn't. But this tactic has the effect of making all criticism of Japan a form of racism.

Another is that Japanese sources can be so sparing with information, partly because of Tokyo's closed reporting system that denies much news to foreign journalists, that Japan contributes to many of the myths propagated about it.

Tonight's entertainment in Cardiff will be provided by Clive James, an odd choice for a conference designed to wash away some of the 'funny little Japs' stereotypes.

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Cabinet heavyweights step forward to direct fire away from the prime minister

Heseltine: swinging into action again

RIDDELL IN BRIGHTON

At one of the late-night parties where the great ones unburden themselves during Conservative party conferences, a cabinet minister said: "John and Norman are lucky. They are not being left to face the fire alone. Douglas [Hurd], Ken [Clarke] and Michael [Heseltine] have gone up front to back them and have taken some of the flak."

The public efforts of this trio have helped to ensure that the Major government has survived the conference with its post-exchange rate mechanism strategy intact. "Tomato ketchup rather than blood on the floor," was how one very senior minister dismissed the week's events.

After the earlier counter-attacks by the trio on the Euro-sceptics, John Major was yesterday skilfully able to take a lead on the Maastricht treaty, with only minimal dissent. The government has regained the initiative on the issue this week.

By contrast, Mr Major was unconvincing on the economy. He showed some concern for the victims of the recession but he offered little hope of early improvement, and virtually ignored the ERM. The reception was cool, underlining the gap between the rank-and-file and the leadership over economic policy.

The government is still regrouping, but at least it is regrouping together. The activities of Messrs Hurd, Clarke and Heseltine have highlighted a change in the balance of cabinet power. Mr Major has involved the whole of his cabinet in lengthy discussions on Maastricht and the economy, ensuring their loyalty.

Even before the ERM débâcle, Mr Lamont had already shared some of the Treasury's powers when he proposed the formation of a new cabinet committee, known as EDX, to decide on the allocation of public spending.

What he describes as "allowing a little democracy" means that several senior ministers, and not just the Treasury, now have a say in deciding priorities.

Traditionally, key decisions on sterling and interest rates have been taken just by the prime minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. This position still remains true in detail, but during the traumas of September 16, Mr Major and Mr Lamont involved Messrs Hurd, Clarke and Heseltine. This has continued.

The trio have been prominent in defending the new policy and have led the pro-European Community majority in the cabinet in sticking to Maastricht and in ensuring that the new economic policy takes no risks with inflation and does not preclude re-entry to the ERM.

The emergence of a *de facto* inner cabinet of political heavyweights has precedents. Clement Attlee relied heavily on Ernest Bevin, Stafford Cripps and Herbert Morrison, while, in his 1974-6 administration, Harold Wilson developed a team approach involving James Callaghan, Denis Healey and Roy Jenkins.

Collective leadership, however, was never, ever, Baroness Thatcher's style.

The new inner cabinet is not to the taste of the Euro-sceptics, but there is little they can do. The four sceptics in the cabinet are going along with Maastricht. Their acquiescence has ensured that Euro-sceptic junior ministers are not going to risk their careers when their seniors are not.

The cabinet faces three possible challenges. First, if the economy gets much worse during the winter, Conservative MPs could become fractious and threaten the Maastricht bill.

Second, the cabinet sceptics would strongly oppose any re-entry into the ERM.

Third, Mr Lamont remains vulnerable. After a wobbly few days following September 16, he has shown resilience and determination, but he has failed to convince the markets, the media or many of the Conservative party's rank-and-file.

Mr Major will be wary of moving his Chancellor if it exposes his own position, and with no agreement about an alternative. The Euro-sceptics are suspicious of Mr Clarke, whose recent prominence has made him enemies.

The latest fashion is to promote John MacGregor, the transport secretary, as a compromise successor to Mr Lamont after Christmas. He is a reassuring figure comparable to Derrick Heathcoat Amory, who became Chancellor in 1958 after Peter Thorneycroft resigned.

Mr Major yesterday used his personal popularity to win time for his government to recover. But his party remains uneasy, particularly about the economy.

The prime minister will need to retain the full support of the cabinet heavyweights to overcome a very difficult 18 months.

PETER RIDDELL

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'Tarzan' called in to hack away the red-tape jungle

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, RAY CLANCY AND ROBERT MORGAN

MAJOR'S SPEECH

THE prime minister yesterday sought to offer some succour to Britain's recession-hit industries by appointing Michael Heseltine to lead a new crusade against red tape and by hinting at a relaxation of Treasury rules stopping private investment in big public sector projects such as road and rail links.

John Major's move came only 24 hours after Norman Lamont was savaged by the party faithful for failing to get the economy moving. It was a recognition that, with the government committed to a tough anti-inflationary stance, palliatives are needed to help small firms burdened with high interest rates.

Mr Major also highlighted his determination to raise classroom standards by bracing his party for a "collossal row" with the educational establishment over plans to send in teams of outside experts to revive slum schools.

The prime minister insisted that he was sensitive to the "personal hardship" faced by many people in the recession. "It's been taking a long time to get things going. I know how frustrating that is. Here, as abroad, debt has made people cautious. Slow to spend. That's made things tough for small businesses, tough for industry, too."

Appealing for patience, he said: "I want to come out of this recession safe from the threat of its repetition ... That's why we'll take no risks with inflation."

More had to be done to help exporters to compete across the globe. "We're already on the march against the Eurocrat and his sheaf of directives.

But it isn't just Brussels that relies on red tape. It's Whitehall. And town hall."

Mr Major said it took 28 separate pieces of paper to set up a business. Some entrepreneurs were so fed up with filling in forms that they felt it was not worth carrying on. Now the cabinet's "Tarzan" was being summoned to hack through the jungle. "Come on Michael. Out with your club. On with your loin cloth. Swing into action," Mr Major de-

clared to the delight of his audience, and Mr Heseltine sitting nearby.

With the £4.5 billion a year roads programme facing drastic cutbacks in the public spending squeeze, Mr Major hinted at changes in the Ryrie rules which inhibit public bodies borrowing on the open market.

Much of the prime minister's speech was a staunch defence of embattled positions on Europe and the economy. However, he clearly felt that the tide was running his way on education as he revelled in his reputation as a traditionalist and relished the prospect of a further showdown with trendy educationists. "Well, if I'm old-fashioned, so be it," he said. "So are the vast majority of Britain's parents. And I have this message for the progressives who are trying to change the exams. English examinations should be about literature, not soap opera."

The prime minister said he would not abandon the children in unruly and sub-standard inner city schools. If local councils could not do the job, others would take over.

He promised new "education associations" to replace incompetent local authorities. They would be charged with putting problem schools back on their feet.

Mr Major also struck a populist note by condemning the behaviour of so-called New Age travellers and by heralding a crackdown on their rights to collect social security benefits. He said ministers were considering tightening laws against trespass. "New Age travellers? Not in this age. Not in any age. They say that we don't understand them. Well, I'm sorry, but if rejecting materialism means destroying the property of others then I don't understand."

Mr Major's central purpose was to defend his European policy. He insisted that he was the true patriot, defending a vital national interest by putting Britain at the heart of Europe, unlike critics such as Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit. In the modern world, it was not possible to "pull up the drawbridge and live in our own private yesterday".

"Change isn't just coming, it's here. I want Britain to mould that change, to lead that change in our own national interest. That's what I mean by being at the heart of Europe. Not turning a deaf ear to the heartbeat of Britain."

Seeking to allay fears that the Maastricht treaty was a blueprint for a united states of Europe, he promised: "I will never — come hell or high water — let our distinctive British identity be lost in a federal Europe."

Maastricht had begun to reverse the trend towards centralisation. Summits at Birmingham and Edinburgh would carry the process further. EC politicians had to learn that they could not advance by "browbeating" Denmark or "bullying" Britain.

At the heart of the government's policy lay one objective only — a "cold, clear-eyed calculation of the British national interest".

Mr Major said the Maastricht Treaty appeared to have become "shrouded in myth and legend". Contrary to people's fears, the treaty did not commit Britain to a European single currency and did not cover immigration policy, education, defence, citizenship or jobs and working conditions.

Mr Major spoke for 58 minutes. He was rewarded with a six-minute standing ovation and the singing of *Land of Hope and Glory*.

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TIM BISHOP

Taking a bow: Norma Major enjoys a standing ovation after Mr Major told delegates that the date of the last election was the anniversary of their meeting

MacGregor tipped to succeed Lamont

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MacGregor, the transport secretary, is emerging as a strong contender to take over as Chancellor of the Exchequer from Norman Lamont.

Senior ministers see Mr Magregor as the frontrunning compromise candidate if John Major decides to shift the embattled Mr Lamont. With divisions in the cabinet over whether Britain should ever return to the European exchange rate mechanism, Mr Major may plump for a minister who is not identified closely with either the pro- or anti-ERM camps.

There is a growing expectation among MPs that Mr Lamont will be moved around the new year after Britain's presidency of the European Community ends and he has completed the tough public spending round. He would be expected to go to another senior cabinet post.

Mr MacGregor is being mentioned as a candidate

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whom Mr Major could choose without upsetting either wing of the party.

The other leading contenders are Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, Michael Heseltine, the Board of Trade president, and Michael Howard, the environment secretary. Mr Clarke, who would clearly be acceptable to the Treasury because of his tough reputation on public spending, and Mr Heseltine, are among the cabinet's most enthusiastic pro-Europeans. Their appointment might be interpreted as a signal that Mr Major intends to go back into the ERM.

Mr Howard is known to have expressed strong opposition in the cabinet to going back into the ERM and his appointment would not be welcomed by the cabinet's overwhelming pro-European majority. Mr Howard, Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, and Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, are sceptical about re-entry.

Tory doubts linger over the economy

BY SHEILA GUNN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

REACTION

CONSERVATIVE activists leaving Brighton last night appeared comforted by John Major's forthright speech but with lingering doubts over how the government will ease Britain's economic problems in the months ahead.

Many representatives felt the prime minister had defused the party's internal troubles over the Maastricht treaty and gone some way to restoring party unity over Europe. Even those doubtful about the impact of the treaty were impressed by Mr Major's commitment to put British interests first.

However, in spite of praise for Mr Major's long-term vision, there was criticism of the lack of immediate help to save firms, jobs and homes this winter.

The Tory faithful also seems to be warming to his conference style, particularly welcoming the bullish attacks on New Age travellers and progressive teachers.

John Davis from Erdington said the speech offered "jam tomorrow but no bread today". He welcomed the long-term objectives set out by the prime minister but said the speech offered no help for the short-term problems of firms.

"We feel this conference has been hijacked by Maastricht and not enough is being done to save businesses in the recession. Other countries such as Italy and Spain will come out of the recession running while we will come out limping.

"I represent a lot of people who have always voted Conservative but feel let down. And we do not like to be told we are whingeing."

Andrew Venn from Horsham said: "It was relatively inspiring and great rhetoric, but can the government do what he says by the year 2000? I am happy with John Major but I honestly believe we have the wrong man in charge of the economy."

Charles Miller from Stroud particularly liked Mr Major's attack on New Age travellers.

"It was a very encouraging speech and very thoughtful, very different from his predecessor."

Roger Trewhella from Falmouth and Camborne was one of several representatives who described the speech as "solid". "John Major still seems remarkably confident and in control, although not all the other members of the government did," he added.

Steve Manus from Westminster university said: "He cracked down on people like New Age travellers and crime and was very firm on Europe. I was not very pleased about the part on the economy. He did not say enough."

Desmond Billing from Crosby believed Mr Major had made a real attempt to answer the worries expressed during the week and had exuded "a quiet confidence". "He gave a real sense that, difficult though times will be, we are moving forward slowly but with certainty."

John Foster from St Albans said the prime minister had dispelled many "misconceptions" about the Maastricht treaty and that he should follow up by sending everyone a clear explanation of the treaty's provisions.

Anthony Nolder from Ealing Southall described it was "a homely speech" both in terms of helping families and, in the wider context, of Britain.

"He was telling us what he is going to do, which was not addressed yesterday by the Chancellor. I think he has bashed the Euro-sceptics on the head."

Audrey Logan from Redcar said: "It is more forceful than any speech Mr Major has given and the sense of humour will bring his message home to many people. I think today he became the star of the party."

Brian Wilson from Twickenham commented: "It was good to hear home truths. It was solid and sensible and we are now getting used to his character and not expecting him to bang the drum.

"We have to accept he is not the same type of person as Michael Heseltine and treat him for what he is, a man who holds sincere and genuine views."

The winners... ...The losers

The Grand Hotel and other hostelries whose bars heaved until dawn each day with visitors sipping double gin and tonics at £4.20 a time (singles were *not* available).

Douglas Hurd for the best speech of the week enabling him to emerge unscathed from a rottweiler attack by Lord Tebbit, the Maastricht mauler.

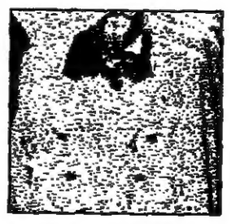
Michael Heseltine for successfully retaining his mantle as conference darling by deliberately inciting and then crushing the Euro-sceptic hecklers.

Baroness Thatcher who suffered a 60 per cent devaluation from last year in the ovation accorded to her by party faithful.

Norman Lamont for signally failing to rise to a conference occasion on which his career depended.

The Young Conservatives football team thrashed 4-0 by the press.

Lord Hesketh, who had to cancel his third party because his guests had drunk all the champagne the night before.



Escada, the luxury German fashion house, which was well supported by Norma Major at the conference this week.

Norma Major for her taste in haute couture at the conference this week.

The European for having the foresight to carry 1,200-word critique of Maastricht from Baroness Thatcher on the morning she swept into Brighton.

Jeremy Paxman, *Newsnight* anchorman and terroriser of politicians, left in the cold in London while his colleague Peter Snow generated the headlines in Brighton.

Jeffrey Archer whose champagne and shepherd's pie party provided the best heavyweight fight — between Lord Tebbit and Kenneth Clarke — that the conference circuit has seen.

The Bundesbank.

Euro-MPs.

John Major for surviving.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, who did not get a look in because the real opposition was in Brighton.

Jacqueline Cohen, a heckler, for stopping John Major in full flow and getting herself on television.

Sussex police officers who earned a fortune in overtime patrolling the conference centre.

David Dimbleby and the BBC whose exit poll prediction of a hung parliament at the election was transmitted around the conference hall just before John Major arrived.

Tweed and twang depart

BY SHEILA GUNN

The figure in the shabby herringbone tweed coat with the nasal Ulster twang faded out yesterday night as a regular evening visitor to the nation's sittingrooms.

To some, John Cole has become one of the most familar presences in their lives. As the BBC's political editor his distinctive style and accent stirred up fierce passions on occasion, but yesterday politicians united to talk of his integrity and fair-mindedness.

His high-profile post will be taken over today by Robin Oakley, our own former political editor. Cole started out as a copytaker on the *Belfast Telegraph*, before switching to reporting. Taking on the BBC's post in 1981 was a gamble. Although initially viewers complained of his accent and coat, both became his hallmarks.

He said of the coat yesterday: "I bought it in a sale and no-one noticed it." In fact Marmaduke Hussey, the BBC chairman, eventually wrote to him: "For God's sake don't get rid of the coat!"

Pledge to end debt

SIR Norman Fowler promised yesterday to wipe out the Tory party's £10 million overdraft and to create the best political machine in the world as he reported on the progress of the structural overhaul launched after the election.

The party chairman said his review of internal organisation would be the most radical since the second world war. Similar exercises in the past had been a substitute for action.

Some key proposals were already on the table for the central council meeting next spring that will be asked to approve the shake-up.

Sunday trade reform plan

THE government is to make an early attempt to reform the Sunday trading law. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is to make a statement to the Commons before Christmas setting out the options for amending the discredited 1950 Shops Act.

The Home Office is determined to end the present anomalies in the law which allows shops to sell girlie magazines on Sundays but not Bibles.

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Iraq vows to obstruct UN arms inspectors

By Our Foreign Staff

THE last United Nations weapons inspection team due to visit Iraq before America's presidential election will leave here for Baghdad next week, despite a call from President Saddam Hussein for resistance to it.

The 40-strong team will be one of the largest of the 45 sent so far. It will be working to destroy the ballistics missile programme and be led by a Russian diplomat.

The timing has prompted speculation that President Bush may yet become embroiled in another conflict with Baghdad if attempts are made to obstruct the team. "It is a coincidence of scheduling that is sure to stir allegations of an October surprise," said the weekly *US News and World Report*.

On Monday, Saddam launched his strongest ever attack on the inspectors' visit. He called on the ruling Baath party to mobilise "to confront the attempts of the stray dogs that come under the cover of the UN committee and under the title of inspection teams".

Iraq's plea at the United Nations in New York to postpone the visit was rejected.

Israeli right and the Palestinians attack Rabin's concessions

By Richard Beeston in Jerusalem and Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, was accused by Israeli hardliners yesterday of giving away too much at the negotiating table, while Palestinians complained that he had not yet done enough to advance the cause of peace.

Egypt and Jordan welcomed Israel's decision on Thursday to lift its boycott of two multilateral working groups and negotiate for the first time with Palestinians from outside the occupied territories. Both countries said they viewed the move as a genuine concession.

However, the country's right-wing opposition complained that the coalition government had handed the PLO a victory on a plate. Benny Begin, a Likud Knesset member and possible future party leader, accused Mr Rabin of "a very important achievement, to my regret, for the PLO and its supporters".

Until now Israel has refused to negotiate with any Palestinians living outside the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, in particular the banned PLO, because it could be regarded as recognition for millions of exiled Palestinians.

Mr Begin, who was supported by Rafael Eitan, leader of the extremist Tsomet party, predicted that the government's decision to attend talks in Paris on regional economic development on October 29,

and in Ottawa on refugees on November 11, would inevitably lead to a debate over the Palestinian "right of return".

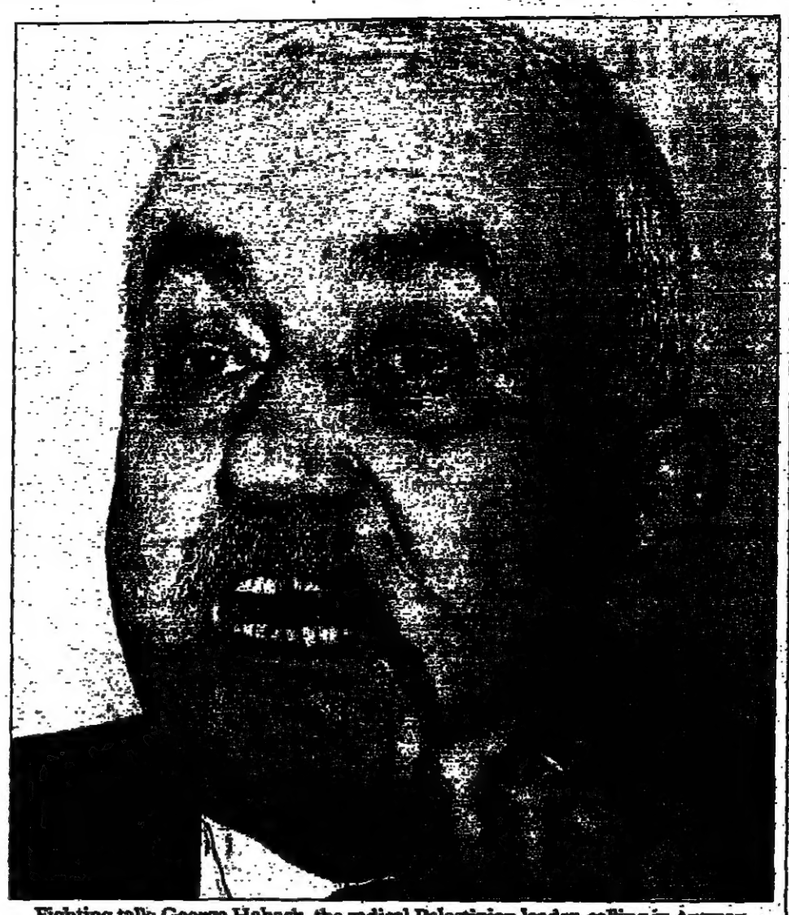
Palestinian leaders, however, are not happy with the conditions for Israeli involvement in the talks. Israel has insisted that it will send only a delegation so long as there are no members of the Palestine National Council — the Palestinian parliament-in-exile — present and no residents of Arab east Jerusalem, which Israel annexed from Jordan in 1967.

Speaking from the PLO headquarters in Tunis, Bassam Abu Sharif, the organisation's spokesman, accused Israel of trying to give the impression that it was giving concessions, while in reality it was just playing for time. "The Palestinians did not try to impose any conditions on the Israeli delegation, so Israel has no right to dictate conditions for the formation of the Palestinian delegation," he said.

The tough remarks, echoed in Jerusalem by Faisal Husseini, the most prominent Palestinian leader in the occupied territories, were made ahead of a key Central Council meeting of top PLO figures in Tunis next week. They are expected to decide what course to take in the forthcoming round of bilateral talks due to resume in Washington on October 21.

George Habash, leader of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, dismissed the concessions, saying there was no fundamental change in the Israeli position. Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, had failed to convince him negotiations were worthwhile and he said he would call on Palestinians to withdraw from this "destructive process" as soon as possible. He added that armed struggle against Israel should continue.

Yossi Beilin, the deputy foreign minister, insisted that the concession had been made during the visit by Amr Moussa, the Egyptian foreign minister, as a gesture to Cairo. He said the government had no intention of negotiating with the PLO or becoming embroiled in the question of the "right of return".



Fighting talk: George Habash, the radical Palestinian leader, calling in Amman yesterday for continuation of the armed struggle against Israel

Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's chief negotiator with Syria, meanwhile said yesterday that both countries would have to make concessions when talks resume. And he hinted that Israel might be prepared to consider recognising Syrian sovereignty over all the Golan Heights some time in the future, though this "major concession" was not on the present agenda. Professor Rabinovich said during a visit to London that Syria was negotiating seriously and more progress had been made in the last round than he had imagined possible. He called on President Assad of Syria to do something, such as help trace missing Israeli soldiers, to reassure Israeli public opinion. Israel is still hoping for an Assad-Rabin summit, if not in Damascus or Jerusalem, then in a neutral capital. Israel would not insist on a partial settlement, given Syria's unwillingness for any interim accord that separated Damascus from other Arab negotiators.

Pioneer ends space journey

Sydney: The Pioneer spacecraft has plunged into the scorching atmosphere of Venus, ending its 14-year mission in space, Nasa controllers in Australia said. The craft, launched in 1978 on a mission to study Venus, had exhausted its fuel earlier this week.

The spacecraft was given up for dead an hour after contact was lost, said Peter Churchill, the acting director of Tidbinbilla tracking station near Canberra. "It was farewell to a long-standing friend. We tracked it almost daily for 14 years. We're not particularly sad: it has more than returned its original investment."

Pioneer mapped Venus for the first time, sent thousands of images of its swirling clouds, and dropped four titanium-clad probes into the 500°C heat of the planet. Two probes survived for less than a minute on the surface, where air pressure 92 times that of Earth is thought to have crushed them. Pioneer circled Venus more than 5,000 times.

Sikhs hanged

Poona: Protests and strike calls in Punjab followed the hanging of two Sikhs convicted of killing the Indian army chief, General Arun Vaidya, in 1986. Sukhdev Singh and Harjinder Singh shouted independence slogans on their way to the scaffold. *(Reuter)*

Airport blast

Luanda: Four people were killed when a bomb exploded in a provincial airport filled with demobilised soldiers. No group claimed responsibility but tensions are high after rebels vowed to fight on after being defeated in multiparty elections. *(Reuter)*

Pope flies out

Rome: The Pope left Rome for the Dominican Republic to mark the 500th anniversary of the introduction of Christianity to America. This was his first trip abroad since undergoing surgery in July. He is due to return here on October 14. *(Reuter)*

Hands off

Tokyo: Japan will abolish in January its requirement for permanent foreign residents in the country to be fingerprinted, officials said. The number of such residents is estimated at 645,000, most of them from South and North Korea. *(AFP)*

Water baby

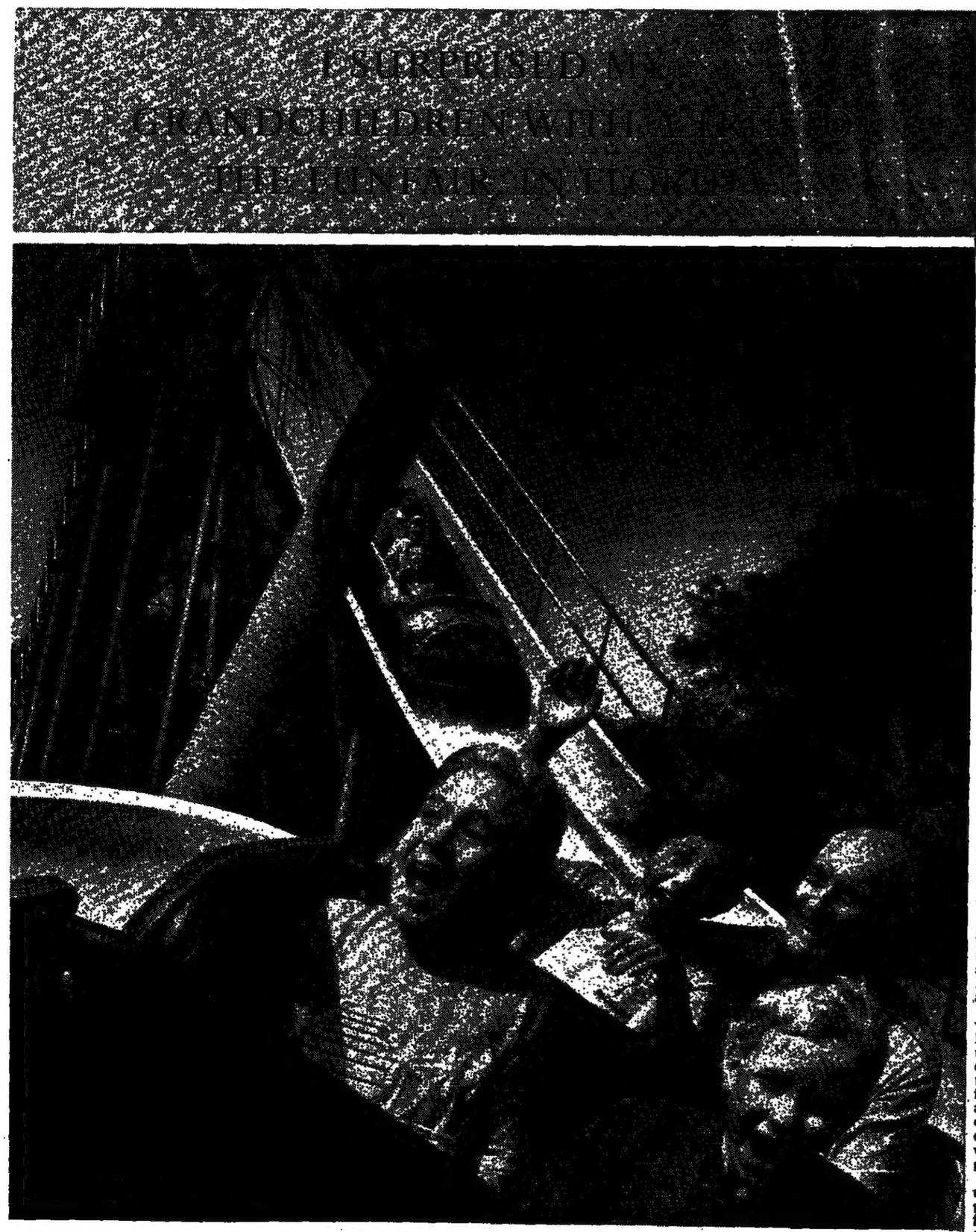
Tokyo: A whale has given birth to a baby fathered by a dolphin in a Japanese aquarium. The "whalphin" was about 6ft long at birth and is certain to outgrow its 9ft bottle-nose dolphin father soon, according to an aquarium spokesman. *(Reuter)*

Trio gives up

Bogota: Roberto Escobar, the brother of the fugitive Medellin drugs cartel leader, and two associates have surrendered, raising expectations that Pablo Escobar would soon turn himself in to the authorities. *(AP)*

Smoking cure

Peking: Chinese inventors are claiming success with a tobacco-and-herb cigarette that smokes out haemorrhoids. Clinical work on 760 patients showed a 95 per cent cure rate when sufficient cigarettes were smoked, *China Daily* reported. *(Reuter)*



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Peking reaffirms Zhao's 'disgrace' ahead of congress

The authorities have not softened their stance since Tiananmen Square, **Catherine Sampson** writes from Peking

Any suggestion that the Chinese Communist party has mellowed in the past three years was crushed yesterday when Peking reaffirmed its 1989 decision to dismiss Zhao Ziyang, then general secretary of the party, for supporting student demonstrators.

As the five-yearly party congress on Monday draws closer, the central committee said that the Zhao case had been closed. It said that the 1989 party decision that he was guilty of "supporting the turmoil" and "splitting the party" was correct.

The party's investigation of Mr Zhao's "mistakes" has dragged on, haunting the party with memories of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations and army repression. The party had promised to close the investigation before the congress to put the issue of Tiananmen Square to rest for good.

The recently renewed calls for radical reform by Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, gave rise to speculation that Mr Zhao might be forgiven his sins and re-emerge to reassure foreign investors that the violent instability of three years ago is a thing of the past. Mr Zhao was an enthusiastic proponent of Mr Deng's economic reforms.

Yesterday's decision suggests that Mr Deng cannot risk bringing Mr Zhao into the public eye, and thereby reopening the fierce debates of 1989: the wounds of that period remain. Neither Mr Zhao nor Mr Deng, 88, is likely to appear at next week's congress. Mr Deng is too old, and holds no official position. Mr Zhao remains under virtual house arrest.

But while Mr Zhao's name will be almost taboo, it is Mr Deng's name which will be uttered more times than any other, and always in reverential tones. It is his vision of the future which will be endorsed, and although nobody will dare to mention Mr Deng's eventual passing, everyone will know that the 14th congress is intended as his legacy.

But there is a feeling of unease surrounding this congress. This is not, after all, the first time that Mr Deng has tried to set his radical reform policies in stone. Five years ago, observers were touting the 13th party congress as Mr Deng's last battle. It closed with substantial gains for the reformist faction, and yet the past five years have been turbulent and Mr Deng and all he stands for have been called into question.

A year after the 1987 congress, Mr Deng's protégé, Zhao Ziyang, was criticised at the leadership's summer retreat in Beidaihe. A rectification campaign was introduced to cool down the overheated economy. In 1989, demonstrations against corruption turned quickly into calls for Mr Deng's resignation and freedom of the press. The army repression was followed by a conservative backlash which lasted until early this year. The 13th congress can only be seen as a hollow victory.

Zhao: stands accused of splitting the party

The prospects for the period after the 14th congress are little better. Ever since 1989 and the subsequent collapse of communism in the former Soviet bloc, China's Communists have been living from day to day. When Mr Deng emerged from his life as a recluse early this year, he had to kickstart reform all over again. But his heyday is gone, and although his angry denunciation of leftism sent hardliners running for cover, he was revealed for what he is: an old, weak man without deputies sufficiently trusted or influential to fight his battles on his behalf.

Enshrined at the centre of policy for the next half-decade is Mr Deng's belief that reform in the economy can be successfully married to an undemocratic political system. Yet Mr Deng's rule has shown that this vision does not work. At the forthcoming congress, economic reform will be more radical than ever, with the implementation of a new formulation, the "socialist market economy" effectively meaning an end to central planning.

On the political front, however, there will be a big step backwards from 1987, when separation of party and government was on the agenda. This time separation of party and government is not up for discussion.

There is speculation that Mr Deng's daughter, Deng Nan, will be voted on to the central committee at the congress, but the succession will remain unresolved.

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Bush condemned for 'McCarthyite' attack on Clinton patriotism

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

GEORGE Bush's assault on Bill Clinton's patriotism provoked a backlash yesterday, with Democrats, the media and even Republicans accusing the president of desperate McCarthyite tactics that shamed his office.

How the attack played in Middle America remained uncertain, but the vehement reaction in the capital suggested he had committed a serious blunder by denouncing his opponent's anti-Vietnam war activities and Moscow visit while an Oxford student 23 years ago.

Mr Clinton said the attack was a deliberate strategy "cooked up by extreme right-wingers". Mr Clinton's pollsters claimed that Mr Bush's negative ratings had jumped ten points in a day, their man's only three.

The president refused to back off. He repeated his charges in a speech on Thursday night to Republican donors and again yesterday morning, saying he could not understand "someone mobilising demonstrations in a foreign country when poor kids, drafted out of the ghettos, are dying in a faraway land".

The two men look certain to confront each other on the charges during tomorrow night's first presidential debate. Republican officials were said to be searching for more information about Mr Clinton's Oxford days, and aides hinted that Mr Bush could unveil fresh charges in the course of the live televised confrontation.

The Bush camp claimed that the issue was not Mr Clinton's student activities, but the fact that he had dissembled about them just as he had dissembled about his draft record. Mary Matalin, deputy campaign manager, accused the Arkansas governor of "pathological deception", asking how his plans for the future could be believed "if we cannot believe anything he has said about his past".

Mr Clinton had indeed sought to minimise his significant role in organising anti-war demonstrations in London, but by yesterday morning the legitimacy of the president's attacks was by far the bigger issue.

Mr Bush was damned in a series of blistering editorials. The *Los Angeles Times* said his attack was "not just patently desperate but deplorably sordid". *The New York Times* called it nasty and demagogic. *The Washington Post* said it propelled the campaign towards "a new low in sly innuendo and overt mud-heaving". *USA Today* called on Mr Bush to substantiate the smear or apologise.

Commentators mocked the hypocrisy of the "kinder, gentler" president who in the same Thursday night appearance lamented that this was "the worst political year I have seen — the ugliest, the nastiest".

It was disclosed that Mr Bush was persuaded to mount the first attack on Wednesday primarily by Robert Dornan, an extreme Californian congressman that few take seriously. It was also reported that the party's internal tracking polls that day had shown Mr Bush trailing by 15 to 20 points even in Republican states.

Numerous Democratic congressmen condemned the president's "red-baiting", including Bill Bradley, the New Jersey senator, who resurrected Joseph Welch's famous retort to Senator Joseph McCarthy: "Have you no sense of decency, sir?" Mickey Kantor, Mr Clinton's campaign manager, said the attack was "as desperate as I have heard in American politics".

Even Republicans were aghast. "I hope we move on to the economy pretty quickly," Vin Weber, a co-chairman of the Bush campaign, said. Douglas Bailey, a Republican strategist, called it "desperate politics and a measure of how far he thinks this campaign has slipped away from him". Lynn Nofziger, formerly a senior Reagan aide, accused Mr Bush of stooping and said: "This election has all the elements of a rout, unless there is a dramatic development."

Other signs of Mr Bush's deteriorating political position surfaced yesterday. Reportedly just 26 of this year's 413 Republican congressional candidates went to the White House on Tuesday to be photographed with Mr Bush for their campaign literature.

Less than four weeks before the election the president is still having to raise funds, the Democrats having outstripped the Republicans by $43 million (£25.5 million) to $26 million (£15.3 million) since July. Even in his adopted home of Texas, according to a new poll yesterday, Mr Bush leads Mr Clinton by just 41 points to 37, with Ross Perot on 11.

Party politics: President Bush chatting with the actor Robert Mitchum at a fund-raising dinner in Houston

Rivals limber up for a high-stakes debate

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

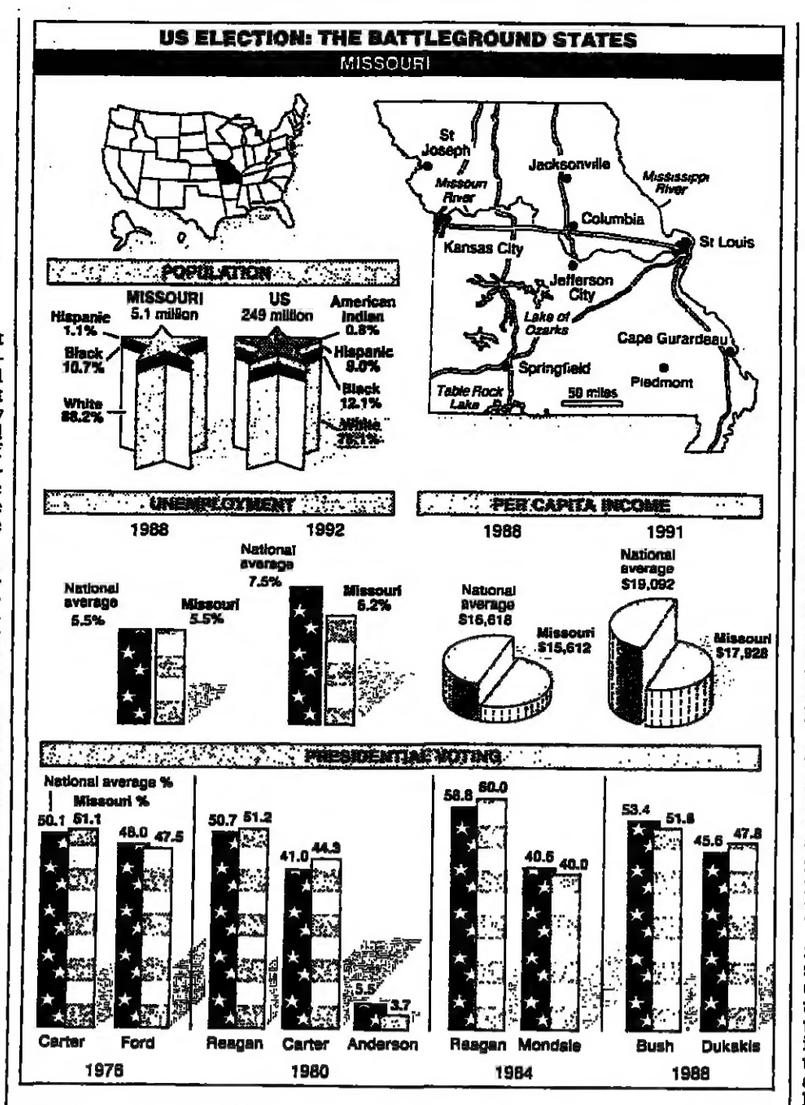
THE stakes could not be higher in tomorrow night's first presidential debate, which is why it has been preceded by the sort of quibbling over minute details that would do justice to arms control negotiations. The result is a 37-page agreement between the Bush, Clinton and Perot camps stipulating everything from the colour of the backdrop, to the relative positions of the candidates' dressing rooms, to how many aides can accompany them onto the stage.

The 90-minute debate, the first of the 13 presidential confrontations since 1960 to have three participants, is to be broadcast on eight separate networks beginning at 7.00pm local time (midnight in Britain). Mr Bush has hinted at "fireworks", and the prospect of his directly challenging Bill Clinton on his draft record or anti-Vietnam war activities could shatter the record of 80 million viewers for Jimmy Carter's 1980 debate with Ronald Reagan.

The debate is being held in Washington University's gymnasium in St Louis, Missouri, where there have been frantic preparations all week. A live audience of 3,200 will occupy two horseshoe-shaped tiers of seats facing a rectangular blue-carpeted stage with semi-circular backdrop designed and flown in from New York. Twenty thousand miles of electrical and telephone cable has been installed, primarily to service 1,400 journalists.

The three camps have drawn lots to decide who stands where. Mr Clinton has the centre podium, with President Bush stage left and Ross Perot stage right. Facing the candidates with their backs to the audience will be the moderator, Jim Lehrer, host of a nightly current affairs programme on America's Public Broadcasting Service, and three questioners chosen from 10-name lists submitted by each camp.

Mr Bush, veteran of one vice-presidential and two presidential debates, must "win" this debate if he is to close the gap on the Arkansas governor, but is walking a tightrope. He has to undermine public confidence in Mr Clinton while still appearing presidential.



Heart of America grows cold for the blueblood president

Republicans find little comfort in trend-setting Missouri, writes **Martin Fletcher** from St Louis

ST LOUIS, site of the 1904 World Fair that produced the hot dog and ice cream cone and venue for tomorrow night's presidential debate, is a fine old Midwest city with a stately Ritz Carlton hotel.

It was there, over breakfast of scrambled egg and toast, that Tom Eagleton recalled how 20 years ago he was dropped after 18 days as George McGovern's running mate when newspapers learned of his treatment for depression. "There is negative fate and positive fate," he chuckled. "That was positive fate." Mr McGovern lost to Richard Nixon in a landslide.

Now 63, silver-haired and looking slightly the worse for wear, the former three-term Missouri senator saw similarities between Mr McGovern's 1972 campaign and President Bush's. Whenever Mr McGovern campaigned in Missouri "any Democrat running for anything had some previous engagement", he recalled. Now Missouri's Republicans were distancing themselves from Mr Bush.

One of the state's two senators, John Danforth, publicly labelled his party's divisive, mean-spirited convention a "total disaster". The other, Christopher Bond, is going to "go my own way on my own little bicycle and see if I can survive". Even a cousin of Mr Bush sought to play down his presidential connections while running for a Missouri congressional seat. He lost.

"Unless he makes some huge gaffe in the debates, Missouri is safely for Clinton," Mr Eagleton predicted. The president is trailing here by 13 to 21 points with Ross Perot a minor irritant, and those figures should chill the Bush campaign. Missouri has only 11 electoral college votes but is truly a bellwether state. It has backed the winner of every presidential election but one this century, and since 1968 has more closely replicated the winner's national margin of victory than any other state.

"Missourah", as it is pronounced locally, is the geographical and demographical heart of America where all regions meet. St Louis and its famous arch, situated below the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, is the east's last city, Kansas City the west's first. These two industrial conurbations account for nearly 60 per cent of the population, and between them are 60,000 square miles of rural, smalltown America.

Few states are being more ferociously contested or frequently visited by the candidates. To practically none has Mr Bush "pandered" more shamelessly. He enraged China last month by authorising McDonnell Douglas, the state's largest employer, to sell Taiwan $5 billion (£2.95 billion) of F15 fighter jets, a policy reversal that saved 7,000 jobs. He has doled out farm disaster aid, big new agricultural export subsidies and huge credit guarantees for foreign countries to buy American grain. He has also ceded the great ethanol debate — arcane to citydwellers but easily this year's hottest farmbelt issue.

Missouri has 25,000 corn growers, natural Republicans were prices not tumbling. With their Midwest counterparts, they have been demanding that the government promote corn-based ethanol as an alternative car fuel. No matter that it worsens pollution and takes as much energy to produce as it eventually yields. Last week Mr Bush caved in.

"Most people are savvy enough to know he is only supporting these issues because it is election year," Melinda Sanderson, a St Louis attorney, said. Missourians are not in a mood to be bribed.

Beyond that, these Midwesterners feel little kinship for their patrician East Coast president. Mr Bush's attempt to claim the mantle of Missouri's favourite son, Harry Truman, "made people laugh," Mr Eagleton said.

With evident pleasure Leo O'Hearn, a retired St Louis pipefitter, damned the president as "a blueblood born to a certain type of people who think they own the country and have a right to run it".

Republicans see happy precedent in Tory victory

Anthony Howard in Washington asks if Mr Bush can defy the odds next month as John Major did in April

Political developments in Britain seldom nowadays make headline news in the United States. One recent British political event remains, however, as fresh in the public mind today as it was when it first happened. John Major's surprise election victory may have been won six months ago but it continues to provide a staple topic of conversation, at least within the American political community. The reason is obvious enough: it is widely seen as providing the best parallel with the current presidential campaign.

The analogy, of course, is not exact. After 12 years in the White House — eight as vice-president and four as president — George Bush has to be a nearer equivalent to Margaret Thatcher (whose longevity as prime minister was one of her crimes in the eyes of her party) than he is to John Major.

And whatever Bill Clinton may be, he is certainly not a second Neil Kinnock — indeed, the president has taken to mocking him on the eve of the debate precisely because he is an Oxford man ("I didn't go to the Oxford Debating Society"). For an Ivy League elitist like himself, it is probably a rather too transparent an effort at inverted snobbery to be effective.

More to the point, where Mr Clinton is a fresh face, one of Mr Kinnock's problems last spring was that he had been around for so long (nine years) that it was impossible to present him as a new or exciting figure.

Yet on morale grounds alone, the Republicans in particular have increasingly come to view the Tories' fourth election victory as the paradigm on which they should base all their own best efforts. Mr Major's triumph, after all, was won not only against the pollsters but in the face of an economic recession. Little wonder that the Bush campaign managers cheerfully sit at the feet of the visiting apparatchiks from Conservative Central Office, or that they are rumoured to have hung on the lips of Maurice Saatchi.

The evidence that they have learnt the lessons well is to be seen in one of their current television commercials. It portrays the Democrats' spending promises as posing a direct threat to taxpayers earning as little as £19,000 a year.

When that particular advertisement started appearing a week ago, the Clinton campaign immediately counter-punched hard. It branded the claim — somewhat vaguely attributed to "100 economists" — a lie and called to its aid press comments from *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post* to discredit it. To some, though, the very swiftness and vigour of the Democratic reaction suggested a fear that the Republicans had hit on a vulnerable spot.

Nothing has been more significant over the past few weeks than the way in which the Democrats have not so much tiptoed away from their party's past as decisively dissociated themselves from it. Little, if anything, has been heard from such figures as George McGovern, Walter Mondale or even Jimmy Carter himself.

The truth is that in this campaign the Democrats always knew that they would be facing two enemies: like the Labour party six months ago, they are running not just against their opponents but against the public memory of their own record in office. If the Republicans can successfully pin on them the charge of being the "tax and spend" party, then even the Clinton poll leads, carefully nurtured through the past three months, could start to melt away.

The central weakness of the Republican campaign so far is that it has failed to find a theme. It has tended to spatter the target with magpie shots rather than concentrating — as the Conservatives so successfully did in Britain — on aiming at the bulls-eye of the voter's personal purse or wallet.

That may well be the product of a certain nervousness on the whole tax issue. The president himself, after all, suffers from one huge handicap in this area. Far the best-known utterance he has ever made is his notorious campaign pledge in 1988, "Read my lips, no new taxes" — a promise he broke two years later in a compromise he patched together with Congress. In the context of this year's contest, that remains his single greatest credibility gap.

After a good deal of hesitation, and some disagreement with those (including his budget director and his secretary of the Treasury) who promoted the 1990 tax package, the president appears to have reconciled himself to admitting that going back on his word was "a mistake".

It is probably the only strategy open to him, if, starting with next week's debates, he is personally to pin the spendthrift tail onto the Democratic donkey.

Feminist campaigners hail lawyer turned icon

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ANITA Hill, the lawyer whose accusations of sexual harassment against US Supreme Court nominee Judge Clarence Thomas last year left Americans stunned, is not running for office in the November election. But in many congressional races the memory of her is playing a key symbolic role.

A year ago the Senate judiciary committee confirmed the nomination of Judge Thomas after one of the most stormy and partisan hearings ever witnessed in the United States. Since then Ms Hill has been transformed from a moderately successful lawyer into a feminist folk-hero to millions of women, and a potent rallying symbol for the unprecedentedly large number of women competing in congressional races.

There are currently only two women in the 100-seat Senate, but this year 11 women have won their party's nomination in senatorial contests. The number of women running for Congress has jumped from 78 in 1990 to 164 this year and, with resentment at the treatment of Ms Hill still rising, a substantial proportion seem likely to succeed. In a Gallup poll in July a quarter of those questioned said the case would be a big influence in their voting decisions.

In at least one senatorial election, that in Pennsylvania between Lynn Yeakel and Senator Arlen Specter, Ms Hill's most aggressive inquisitor at the hearings, the Hill debate has become a central campaign issue. Ms Yeakel claims that the verdict by the judiciary committee inspired her to run for Senate.

Ms Hill, 36, who is now writing a book about sexual harassment, has made numerous appearances on the American lecture circuit, commanding fees of up to $10,000 (£5,900) a time, and has received more than 2,000 invitations to speak. She has been showered with more than 20 awards, from bodies as varied as the American Civil Liberties Union and *Glamour* magazine, and last August Ms Hill was a guest speaker at the nominally independent American Bar Association.

Judge Thomas was appointed to the Supreme Court despite allegations of harassment by Anita Hill

Following the Hill-Thomas hearings, polls showed that Americans believed Judge Thomas's testimony over that of Ms Hill by three to one; a survey last week indicated that the country is now evenly divided over whose testimony was more believable, or less unbelievable. The proportion of people who feel Ms Hill was unfairly treated by the senate panel has risen to 39 per cent, according to a survey in *US News and World Report*.

The speed with which Ms Hill has been transmogrified from an obscure witness into a political icon has surprised many people, including herself. "In learning that I am not alone in experiencing harassment, I am also learning that there are far too many women who have experienced a range of inexcusable and illegal activities — from sexist jokes to sexist assualt — on the job," she wrote recently.

For many women the issue is less the truth of the accusation of harassment than the methods of the all-male committee investigating the charges. "She was attacked and victimised as a second-class citizen," said a National Conference on Working Women spokeswoman. "Women will never forget the sight of her being attacked on television."

New York congresswoman Louise Slaughter said: "Hill touched a chord in almost every woman. Seeing Anita confronted with a phalanx of men who had no idea what she was talking about brought women a real sense of 'I've been there'."

The Hill case has, it seems, sent money pouring into the campaign chests of women politicians. The National Organisation of Women has gained 50,000 new members since the Hill-Thomas hearings.

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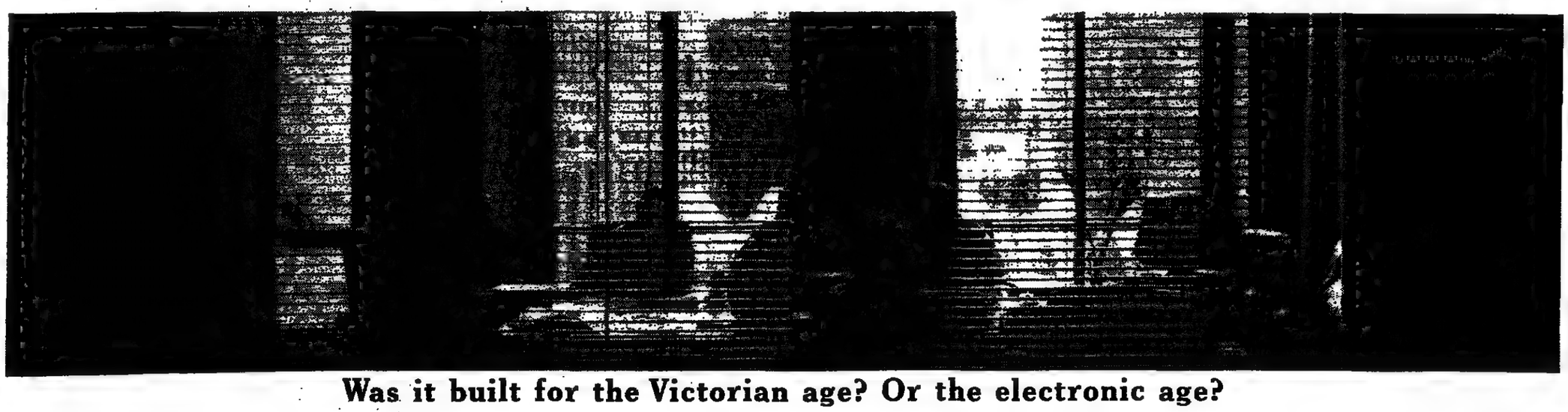

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Making sense of metaphysics

Daniel Johnson on Iris Murdoch's bid to reawaken moral philosophy

Ever since the Reformation, metaphysics has had a bad name in this country. It is true that George Herbert, John Donne et al were popularised under their modern sobriquet "metaphysical poets", but empiricists set the tone. The normally eirenic and tolerant David Hume pronounced a kind of anathema on metaphysics: "Commit it then to the flames: for it can contain nothing but sophistry and illusion."

Would that great sceptic have recommended the same treatment for Iris Murdoch's latest thick volume of philosophy, published this week under the title *Metaphysics as a Guide to Morals* (Cape)? I trust not, for she quotes him frequently and respectfully, along with others whose loathing of the attempt to encompass the ineffable in words was scarcely less extreme: Wittgenstein and Freud, Ryle and Ayer. But the sages whom Dame Iris reveres most were certainly in some sense metaphysicians: Plato and St Augustine, St Anselm and Meister Eckhart, Hegel and Kierkegaard, Kant and Schopenhauer, Husserl and Heidegger, Sartre and Simone Weil.

This is not the place to pursue to its end the book's deep and intricate argument, still less to test it. Dame Iris does not deny that metaphysics may be as cloudy and obscurantist as Hume alleged; but she has formed the view that metaphysical reasoning at its most sublime may ascend beyond the clouds to a sunlit clearing on the roof of the intelligible world.

Dame Iris believes, moreover, that such authentic metaphysical reasoning — which may overlap with religious or aesthetic contemplation — is among the most precious activities of which we are capable, an integral part of the good life, the indispensable adjunct of morality. This is not a fashionable opinion, even among philosophers, who have a professional interest in the value of speculative thought. That may be one reason why a celebrated novelist in the autumn of her life (she is a vigorous 73) should have lavished so much of her remaining energy on the abstractions of this book.

One may reply that recommending the study of metaphysics is all very well for those whose minds are anyway so inclined, who are endowed with the mental agility to plunge into the abyss of doubt with Pascal or soar into the empyrean of pure reason with Kant. To attribute virtue to such cosmic acrobatics necessarily excludes the majority of the human race. It reinvents the notion of privileged wisdom, to which not only the official sacerdotal élites of history have laid claim, but also anti-establishment intellectuals: the *perfecti* of the Cathars; the *illuminati* of the Enlightenment; Foucault, Derrida and other gurus of our universities. If it is inaccessible, metaphysics is worse than no guide to morals; it then becomes ideology.

The most radical indictment of a modern movement to revive metaphysics — German idealism — is to be found in the works of a metaphysician for whom Dame Iris seems to have a special affection: Arthur Schopenhauer. His English schooling may have disposed him to be critical of the indifference to fidelity to experience that he detected in the lecture halls of Germany. The vehemence of his denunciation of Fichte, Schelling, Hegel and their disciples as "charlatans" is only explicable as the contempt of a cosmopolitan who had sat at the feet of the greatest poet of the age, Goethe, and thought the pretensions of academics intolerable.

Cliquish self-indulgence was also a besetting vice (by no means the only one) of another group who sought to live their lives according to a philosophical doctrine: G.E. Moore's Cambridge disciples, several of whom went on to become adornments of Bloomsbury. John Maynard Keynes later remembered how Moore's ethical principles were embroidered into a private morality of self-gratification, hostile to traditional barriers yet eager to create new ones.

> For Dame Iris metaphysical reasoning is an integral part of the good life, and essential to morality

Because metaphysics is concerned with "higher things", with transcendental truths, with the ultimate meaning of life, those who attempt to write about it in a manner which the layman can understand are vulnerable to ridicule. Iris Murdoch is a more respectable figure than George Eliot and her beloved George Henry Lewes, both of whom tried to interpret the continental metaphysical disputes of their day for a wider audience and received precious little thanks for it. Nevertheless, Dame Iris is not always taken as seriously as she deserves. Her example is not generally imitated in the universities: few who study philosophy at a British university are ever advised to read the metaphysicians she discusses with such zest. Will this great work of her own find its way onto many undergraduate reading lists? Alas, I doubt it.

Dame Iris is no prophet. Even those who have made her acquaintance only briefly can vouch for the fact that she has no vatic demeanour, no demonic aura of mystery *à la* Wittgenstein. In her case there is no question of a school of disciples of the kind that some French, German and even American philosophers encourage.

But she has charisma. Who could forget the following tableau? This remarkable lady, sitting on the bed in a drab modern hotel room at a conference in Toledo, sipping sherry (the only drink available) with a few others, the historian Sir Raymond Carr and the journalist Edward Mortimer among them. She had us all under her spell. In the presence of a person whose inner life was palpably as rich as hers, "ultimate concerns" acquired a plasticity which our ephemeral physical surroundings altogether lacked. Iris Murdoch makes metaphysics real.

Is truth served by ministers settling old political scores?

The torrent of memoirs from trusted members of Mrs Thatcher's cabinet threatens to undermine the vital confidentiality of office, says Simon Jenkins

I wonder how many members of John Major's cabinet crept up to bed on Black Wednesday night and intoned into their Dictaphones, "What I said today... and why I am in the clear." I wonder how many thought "Hmm, that must be worth a few bob come the order of the boot."

There is not much new about this week's row between Lord Tebbit and Lord Lawson on who said what about ERM entry in cabinet in 1985. The nation is not hanging on the outcome. Politicians are the worst diarists when accuracy is at issue. History knows that many cabinet ministers went along with Margaret Thatcher even when they thought she was wrong. Give history a stiff drink and it will point out that Mrs Thatcher also went along with Mrs Thatcher even when she knew she was wrong. Tell us something fresh, Thucydides, or we take the next boat back to Corinth.

The Thatcher government is now yielding as rich a harvest of self-exculpatory memoirs as did Lord Wilson's governments. Those of the old grandees such as Lord Carrington and Lord Whitelaw are anodyne. Lord Whitelaw was horrified when a friend congratulated him on being so "interesting". It was the last thing he had meant to be — to the chagrin of his publishers. But the great dispossessed of Thatcherism are a different kettle of fish. They had no old estates to return and settle. All they had to settle were old scores.

Lords Ridley, Parkinson, Lawson and (next year) Howe all offer a peek behind the curtain of government and a glimpse of blood. There is wormwood still in their souls as they lean across the Garrick table and see before them the narcotic of revenge, with many noughts attached. Is this a *Mail* or a *Sunday Times* job? Any chance of a sales-boosting injunction? Can we enrage the cabinet secretary? They shudder at the indignity of it. But "rightly to be great is... to find quarrel in a straw when honour's at the stake".

All this began under Lord Wilson with the end of the cabinet as a club with unwritten rules. After the Crossman diaries, cabinets became open secrets, much as Parliament did in the 18th century when reporting was forbidden in the interest of frank debate. But its secrecy was to be breached by such partial observers as Richard Crossman, Barbara Castle or Tony Benn. A discordant host was bound to emerge of colleagues desperate to set the record straight for the sake of their own place in history. With ministerial careers growing ever more abbreviated, the prospect is now of cabinet discussion appearing in print at near dictation speed.

Is this a good thing? To apostles of open government, of course it is. The more cabinet memoirs, and the sooner, the merrier. If we cannot ourselves kick politicians in their privates, at least we can enjoy watching them do it to each other. But where to draw the line?

In Washington, the revelation of documents from virtually every government forum is *de rigueur*. Nor is this enough. Participants seem to feel obliged to disclose their role in each passing drama to the writers of instant books. Since Watergate, history has come to be, not what happened, but what the least discreet, or most frightened, official said to the first Boswell to shove a microphone under his chin.

Spilling too many secrets too soon: Thatcher, Lawson, Howe, Ridley, Parkinson and Tebbit have published or are about to publish their versions of history from the security of the House of Lords

I have read no more extraordinary book on American government than David Stockman's *The Triumph of Politics*, relating his time as President Reagan's budget chief. The portrait of Mr Reagan and Caspar Weinberger as two infants playing Russian roulette with the American deficit is terrifying. But I would never trust Mr Stockman with a confidence if my life depended on it. Strobe Talbot's portrayal, in his *Deadly Gambits*, of the battle over arms control between Richard Perle and Richard Burt in the early 1980s left no stone unturned, no conversation (apparently) unrecorded. Each man, or certainly Mr Burt, clearly disclosed every detail of highly private conversations.

On the market at present are some remarkable books about the Gulf war. Bob Woodward's *The Commanders*, General Norman Schwarzkopf's memoirs, *It Doesn't Take a Hero*, and General Sir Peter de la Billière's *Storm Command* relate the complex arguments that preceded the launch of Desert Storm. Few confidences appear to have been respected, apart presumably from those that might have put the authors in a bad light. In the Gulf war, as in the Falklands, the generals wanted to proceed slowly, the politicians wanted speed. Norman Schwarzkopf, like Peter de la Billière, and like Brigadier Julian Thompson at San Carlos, developed a loathing for politicians back home, unaware of the domestic pressure generated by any limited war. Since generals always have better tunes than politicians, they tend to be believed. But if, having accepted the glory of command, they now intend to tell all afterwards, woe betide any defence minister who sends a literary general to war.

The habit of political kiss-and-tell memoirs written soon after a climactic event must distort the confidences vital between those taking difficult decisions. Reading Strobe Talbot's book, I felt the participants were pre-enacting the script of the film of the book that was already in the imagination of each antagonist. Why, each seemed to say to himself, concede any point, why compromise on any principle? "I want to be played by Robert Redford. I want to get Jane Fonda."

The result of such instant indiscretion must be plain. It pushes the real horsetrading of government back into the shadows. Swedish cabinet minutes are public documents. Cabinets are, I am told, completely bland as a result. In Washington freedom of information has simply led to the creation of ever more cabals within committees, to more cronyism, to Henry Kissinger's diplomatic "back channels" and the murky Irangate contacts of Oliver North. The formal conduits of crisis management become so clogged with indiscretion and mistrust that only those who believe implicitly in each other's trust will deal honestly with each other.

Time was when members of British cabinets neither explicitly breached its confidences nor stabbed officials in the back. Crossman changed that. What particularly enraged his officials, notably his permanent secretary Baroness Sharp, was that he attacked them by name when they were legally forbidden to answer back. Since it is a good principle of government that its officers do not go public with instant views on ministerial competence, some quid pro quo must apply. Officials sign a secrets act, ministers do not.

Today we find the Cabinet Office trying and failing to prevent some of Lord Ridley's indiscretions. Treasury officials found Lord Lawson's attacks on them in his forthcoming memoirs outrageous. Similar protests will greet Alan Clark's memoirs, already being trailed as sensationally indiscreet. Some officials involved in the Westland affair were so outraged at the version peddled by Sir Bernard Ingham that they lodged their own memoirs in bank vaults. I imagine Treasury officials are doing the same right now.

Historians should perhaps welcome such titbits as "the first rough draft of history". But they are not. They are a desperate bid to redraft history before it gets written. Historical truth is an ever-shifting desert, but it is charted more accurately when the jottings of the moment are viewed from some distance — witness Selwyn Lloyd's brilliant memoir on Suez, written in retirement near the end of his life.

There must be a virtue in the executive being left to debate policy free of the fear that anyone worsted in that debate will spew bile into a diary late at night for passing on to the press. The alternative is for intrigue to feed on intrigue, for government to become a real-life rehearsal for a subsequent fictional drama. If ministers can no longer be relied upon not to rat on their friends, perhaps cabinet members should be asked to sign a contract of secrecy to apply for ten years after leaving office. Clearly the club needs new rules.

...and moreover

PHILIP HOWARD

The words "who" and "whom" are boobytraps for teenage scribblers in a hurry. They always have been, but they are more explosive these days now that journalists have had less training in formal grammar than a generation ago. And years of repetition of the error in print have hypnotised good writers into thinking that going for *whom* is the safer bet, except when a verb immediately following the pronoun decides for *who*.

Here are some recent examples of the solecism in *The Times* from some of the best writers on the paper. "The only Labour spokesman he disliked was a not very effective one *whom* he thought seized on any issue which might make a headline." "Now the Conservatives have removed the leader whom they too had convinced themselves had become an electoral liability." "Gordon Brown, whom some Labour MPs had hoped would contest the leadership."

In every case, the pronoun should be *who*, because it is the subject of its clause (to drop into the dreaded jargon of grammar), and ought therefore to be in the nominative. (That's quite enough grammatical jargon, Ed.) I have had a punctilious letter from a don turned government mandarin, great and good committee person, president of the Classical Association, and a man who cares about these things.

He has been moved to write by a sentence on the back page: "Bosnian forces clashed with the besieging Serbs whom they claimed were attempting to withdraw heavy weapons." And he writes, with donnish irony: "It is about ten years ago that I wrote to you to point out this interesting variation from what used to be called 'correct' English. (But you and I are both descriptive not prescriptive grammarians, and stick up for usage not correctness.) It seemed clear from studying the paper that at some time, probably around 1978, a memorandum had been circulated instructing all staff that for the future the form used for the relative pronoun should be *whom*, with the solitary exception that when the pronoun immediately preceded the verb, the obsolete form *who* could continue to be used for the present. Over the past dozen years or so that instruction has never been disobeyed." He followed this up with a fax pointing out that the moron who makes up the daily Word-Watching safari had committed the same solecism in that day's answers.

Falling into the sarcasm trap, and sighing a bit, I replied that no such memorandum had been circulated, that journalists write too much too fast, that the prevalence of the error might be a sign that idiom was slipping into what Fowler called a sturdy indefensible, that I was terribly sorry, that there must be more important things to fuss about, and that now I really had to get on with writing solecisms for tomorrow's paper.

The error is an old boobytrap. Shakespeare fell into it in *The Tempest*: "Young Ferdinand, whom they suppose is drown'd." It comes from writing too fast. Perhaps Shakespeare and the rest of the hacks think the active verb "they suppose" puts the pronoun into the objective case. Perhaps that *whom* sounds right because of attraction into the case of Ferdinand, who is in the accusative because his immediately preceding words are "while I visit". You visit a *whom*, not a *who*. Perhaps we are confusing the phrase with another way of putting the same thing: "Young Ferdinand, whom they suppose (to be) drown'd." Perhaps they thought for a split second, and decided that *whom* sounded safer in the circs.

It is an error and a solecism to make an accusative *whom* the subject of a clause "is drown'd". The Serbs were attempting to withdraw heavy weapons, so their relative pronoun is in the nominative as a subject, *who*. Eventually these case inflections will fade away from pronouns, as they have in English from nouns and adjectives, which all once declined into different cases for different uses. But until that happens, it is daft to use the objective case *whom* as the subject of a sentence. It does not confuse the meaning, which is a worse sin in writing than a false case. But it annoys people who care for such things, and suggests that journos for *The Times* write in a slapdash way. We must try to do better. I think I wrote that to my meticulous correspondent also.

Travails with my gundealer

PAUL THEROUX, whose travelogues are required reading for the itinerant middle-classes, has found himself embroiled in an Australian literary row over the much-trodden junction between fact and fiction. He is being accused of exaggerating his experiences for his latest bestseller, *The Happy Isles of Oceania. Paddling the Pacific*, which is billed as a true account of Theroux's adventures.

According to John Purcell, a gundealer from Cooktown in northern Queensland, who sold the author a rifle and travelled with him for several days, Theroux inaccurately recorded conversations with Purcell about the relationship between Aboriginal women and white men. The writer used the terms "gin jockeys", "creamies" and "halfies". "I have never in my life used these words,"

says Purcell, who is the basis for the Fred Hardy character in Theroux's travel book. Purcell further alleges, in the *Courier Mail*, Brisbane, that Theroux did not camp by the crocodile-infested Endeavour river at Cooktown, but enjoyed the air-conditioned splendour of the Sovereign hotel.

"I never saw the collapsible kayak which he said he paddled up the lonely coast," Purcell continues. "He said it was packed away in his hotel room."

Theroux remains unrepentant. The author says that travel books are by definition selective. Speaking from his home in Cape Cod, he says: "This does not mean that you should be economical with the truth, but I admit that I did change the chronology. These are allowable liberties. I do not want to write short flawless books. I am much more interested in long messy books because that is the way life is. There are bound to be discrepancies and errors".

Ear, ear

HAD the Bennett family of Faversham decided to eschew politics forever, the nation would have sympathised. The family, at the centre of the controversial Jennifer's Ear election broadcast, was deemed to have been well and truly manipulated by both the Labour Party and the Tories.

It was a surprise therefore to see the Bennetts out in force in Brighton this week. Both Jennifer's mother, Margaret, and her grandfather, Peter Lee-Roberts, three times Tory mayor of Faversham, were spotted in the conference centre. It was Lee-Roberts who tipped off Tory Central Office about the emotive Labour election broadcast involving his granddaughter, thus setting the stage for one of the noisiest and bloodiest rows of the general election. Jennifer's identity was revealed in *The Independent* and Faversham's peace was shattered for weeks.

The Bennetts are still blazing at their treatment, as Peter Kellner, former political columnist of *The Independent*, discovered. Wearing an *Independent* pass, he breezed over to the pair who were wearing Faversham badges and said: "Ah, Faversham. Whatever happened to the Bennetts?" "We are the Bennetts," raged Mrs Bennett, who proceeded to give the startled journalist an ear-bashing.

● *From the for-sale column of the* Brighton Evening Argus. *"Bankrupt stock of dummies etc. £10 each. Buyer collects". The telephone number turns out to be the the Conservative party conference centre in Brighton, where a flood of calls has caused much irritation among the floral print dresses manning the phones.*

Out of fizz

LORD HESKETH, the flamboyant government chief whip in the House of Lords, has mounted a provocative challenge for the title of chief party-giver at the Tory party conference in Brighton. Current holder is Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, whose champagne and shepherd's pie soirées are the talk of the town.

Hesketh, not to be outdone, decided to throw champagne and oyster parties in his suite on the seventh floor of the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The peer arrived in Brighton with dozens of crates of champagne from his own cellar. Guests on the first two nights included John Major, Lord Wakeham, the Heseltines and the Waldegraves, who tucked into copious quantities of lobster and crab claws.

Alas Hesketh proved too good a host. The guests drank every drop of champagne in the suite and as a result the third party had to be cancelled. Unfortunately not everyone got the message. A steady stream of Tory worthies were spotted in the early hours of Friday morning demanding to be let in to a bleary-eyed Hesketh's bedroom.

Write stuff

RIVALRY of a similar nature has broken out among the literati in Brighton as political authors fight for sales. Nigel Lawson, whose memoirs, *The View from Number 11*, are not on sale until November 5, has missed the boat, ceding the edge to his old cabinet rival, Cecil Parkinson, whose *Right at the Centre* has been keeping the cash registers busy.

Lord Parkinson, signing copies this week, says: "What a shame Nigel did not get his book here in time. People can always buy mine instead." But not even he can claim the biggest sales of the week. That honour goes to Caroline Waldegrave's latest offering, *Complete Christmas Cookery*, which sold out within minutes.

● *Sycophant of the week award goes to Charles Moore, deputy editor of* The Daily Telegraph. *Talking to Norman Lamont at Jeffrey Archer's party, Moore said: "I hope you did not take it personally when I called for your resignation."*

HARD TESTS AHEAD

It was unfair to expect John Major to make a great speech at this year's Tory party conference. At his oratorical best the prime minister shows warmth of heart; at his worst he has a tongue of lead. He revealed both yesterday as he sought to unify his party after one of the most divisive conferences for decades.

Tory activists dispersed from Brighton in subdued and apprehensive mood. But as Mr Major himself left the Grand Hotel he knew that he had at least won a little breathing space. He had dealt with the problem of Maastricht more sympathetically than had Douglas Hurd, his foreign secretary. The Prime Minister had not dismissed the views of those who oppose the treaty. He had shown some much-needed understanding of how passionately their beliefs are held.

He fought his critics yesterday on their own ground, appealing to their patriotism and stealing one of their most resonant lines. Putting Britain first, he said, means putting it at the heart of Europe. His message was plain: back my judgment or find somebody else.

His great advantage remains that the "Eurosceptics" have nobody else. He deals cleverly with their representatives in cabinet, leading them to believe that he secretly shares their views, always slightly watering down the policies of the majority. But if the ideals of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine have been somewhat diluted, they still hold sway.

One of Mr Major's jokes gave a graphic illustration of the new power balance. He felt comfortable enough with his old rival, Michael Heseltine, to tease him publicly about swinging through the jungle in a loincloth. Mr Heseltine roared with laughter, as well he might. He and Mr Clarke now have Norman Lamont and his economic policy in their grip.

The Chancellor is thus precluded from making the dramatic interest-rate cuts needed for recovery. Economic policy was the hole at the heart of Mr Major's speech. Unlike Mr Lamont, he at least mentioned the word growth, and he spent more time than his Chancellor sympathising with the suffering recession has caused. But he offered nothing more than an attack on red tape. Bureaucracy is the least of businesses' problems now.

The Prime Minister will be relieved that the conference is behind him. He has survived a rare outbreak of democracy and outspokenness from the Tory party. But the home truths remain true. The government's austere economic policy is likely to condemn the country to continued recession. On the key European issues, the cabinet is representative neither of the views of the party nor of its MPs. Mr Major's determination to press ahead with ratification of Maastricht against the wishes of so many in his government, his party and the country spells bitter trouble ahead.

Nobody came to Brighton to bury Mr Major. Lord Tebbit and Baroness Thatcher feel deeply betrayed by the man they thought they had groomed in their image to lead Britain. But not only have they no alternative candidate, they have no immediate sight of one.

If anyone can unite the Conservatives, it is Mr Major. He won the leadership by convincing both wings of the party that he shared their views. He displays much of the same skill in government. Mr Major is the senior politician with a foot most firmly placed on each side of the European divide. The challenge he faces now is to ensure that the two sides do not move so far apart that even he falls into the crevasse. It will be an increasingly hard test.

A GREAT GERMAN

Willy Brandt was the German chancellor who knelt in the Warsaw ghetto. For that spontaneous gesture 22 years ago, the statesman who died this week should be remembered with gratitude by the tens of millions of families who suffered at German hands. Brandt, after all, was one of that minority of his countrymen who personally had nothing to atone for: he had opposed the Nazi regime as a youth, fled into Norwegian exile, narrowly escaped death when captured in 1940 by posing as a Norwegian, and finally escaped to Sweden, whence he carried on his own war against Hitler as a journalist.

But Brandt did a great deal more than kneel. Although his chancellorship ended ignominiously after five years with the Guillaume spy scandal, post-war Germany bears the imprint of his personality over four decades, from division through to reunification. As governing mayor of West Berlin at the height of the Cold War, Brandt bore the scars of communist brutalism. No sooner had the threat of a Soviet démarche against the western sectors receded than Brandt was forced to watch impotently as the Wall cut off East from West one wicked August in 1961. Adenauer did nothing for Berlin; Kennedy the "Berliner" was cheered, but did little more. For Brandt, that meant there was no choice but to come to terms with the Soviet Union and, hardest of all, with the police state of Ulbricht and Honecker.

As leader of the opposition Social Democrats in the early 1960s, Brandt began to develop his *Ostpolitik*, the great master strategy that he was to bequeath to his successors. *Ostpolitik* did not mean capitulation, as its opponents on the German right led by Franz Josef Strauss argued; but neither did it lead rapidly to a normalisation of relations with the East, as its advocates had hoped. After the early successes — treaties with Russia and Poland which all but recognised the redrawn frontiers of Germany, besides a marginal easing of West Berlin's isolation — progress proved difficult. Honecker demanded a high price for the smallest concessions. The West Germans, especially Brandt's Social Democrats, sometimes failed to observe the distinction between reaching compromises and being compromised.

Brandt was rapidly worn down by the exercise of power after he ended two decades of Christian Democrat rule in 1969. When he resigned, perhaps unnecessarily, in 1974, he was exhausted. But his political career did not end. Brandt busied himself on the world stage with his commission on Third World development and as president of the Socialist International. More importantly, he continued as chairman of the Social Democrats for another 13 years, staving off civil war inside the party he loved. In 1982, caught up in an economic recession, the Social Democrats committed electoral suicide. Brandt's benign presence filled the vacuum left by Schmidt's fall, but when he retired five years ago, it seemed that Brandt's active role was over.

Then came 1989. Like almost everybody, Brandt had stopped believing that reunification would ever happen. But when the Wall came down, Brandt found himself in his mid-seventies leading the Social Democrat campaign for East Germany's first democratic elections in March 1990. His familiar, craggy features and gravelly voice were reassuring at a time of unprecedented confusion. Although Kohl won that election, the Social Democrats avoided humiliation then and in the first all-German elections later that year, partly due to Brandt. Few elder statesman are so fortunate. Even fewer deserve their good fortune.

LESS WORK, MORE PLAY

The English take their public holidays glumly, after the fashion of their country. Other countries have parades and fireworks and traditional festive menus, from French oysters to turkey with cranberry sauce to the chaste Nordic passion for unsweetened rice pudding with an almond in it. On their bank holidays the English sit in traffic jams on coned-off motorways, seething with frustration in a miasma of drizzle and exhaust fumes, to arrive at dismal destinations where not only the banks, but everything else has shut for the holiday, just in time to turn round and drive home. Even the family festival of Christmas, now largely reduced to an endurance test of over-eating fatty and bland food, over-drinking, and terrible television repeats, is responsible for more attacks by the black dog, marital breakdown and violence to children than any other day in the calendar.

Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, is preparing a modest change to the British holiday roster, by replacing the May Day holiday with a less controversial celebration. The reason is partly to spread holidays more evenly through the year. At present, when Easter falls late, four of the eight annual holidays in England and Wales are jammed like bank holiday motorists within six weeks during the Spring. The other reason is ideological. May Day, with its connotation of workers of the world uniting with nothing to miss but their demo trains, is now politically incorrect.

The decline from medieval Merrie England to Tailback Motorwayland owes something to the Reformation and the Roundhead revolution, when idleness became a vice. A holiday is originally a holy-day of obligation, on which Roman Catholics are bound to abstain "from servile work". They still manage holidays better in Roman Catholic countries, with a mixture of festival and fun for St James and Corpus Christi. A secular society has no common centre for its holidays, as is provided by Yom Kippur.

One solution to the English difficulty with holidays would be to privatise them. Instead of the statutory public holidays, everybody would become entitled to as many extra days of holiday a year to be taken ad lib, staggered within organisations by negotiation and first come, first let off. This would at least remove the emmet congestion of the public holidays; and with their new interests in package tours, stately homes and skiing, the English have become better at managing their private holidays.

But that would be an individualistic and anti-social system. There is cohesive virtue in everybody having the same day off, whether for the Immaculate Conception or for Labour. The merit of May Day is not the old Socialist rhetoric, but the fact that for one day most of the world stops working.

Britain has fewer holidays than most countries. Increased leisure is the drift of the times and the mark of advancing civilisation. For Shakespeare and St George, 23 April should be a holiday, with a nod to Oliver Cromwell two days later. For Victorian values, the great Queen's coronation was on June 28. An even greater Queen, Elizabeth I, acceded to the throne on November 17, which comes at the dead wasteland of the calendar, when nights are drawing in and nerves are fraying towards the long end of the year. There could even be Maastricht Day — with a special opt-out. This would be on the nearest Wednesday to December 10, so that it could be bridged by days-off-owing to the weekends on either side, giving most of December off. More, not fewer, holidays would make the British better at having a good time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Transfer of powers at heart of Maastricht debate

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir, David Pannick ("An alien legal tradition", October 8) refers to our "widespread ignorance of the nature of the European legal system".

The very different continental attitude to the interpretation of laws and their definition has been, for more than 20 years, at the very heart of my opposition to the transfer of governmental powers to the Community. We simply cannot tell, at the time of transfer, the extent of the powers transferred; and experience tells us that years later the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg is likely to rule that the transfer was much greater than we intended.

It is plain from the language of the Maastricht treaty, without any purposive interpretation of it, that the proposed new transfer of power is massive. The nature of the drafting makes it almost certain that, if and when the European Court purposively interprets any of its important provisions, its ruling will be that even greater power has been transferred. Pending such rulings, the constant argument will be in anticipation of that attitude and future ruling by the court.

Subsidiarity as expressed in the proposed new Article 3b raises the same point. For us, seeking to understand exactly what new powers our political masters propose to transfer to the Community, the slovenly and internally inconsistent language of this provision is truly a nightmare.

The European Court, taking, as Mr Pannick puts it, "a broader view of what the orderly development of the Community requires", could — and, if and when it has to consider this Article 3b, almost certainly will — decide that this provision is not an obstacle to anything proposed by those who are bent on developing and exercising the overriding governmental power of the Community.

Are powers which we have entrusted to *our* constitutional representatives to be transferred to the government of a different polity? Can our representatives conscientiously do that without even being able to tell us exactly what powers are to be transferred? The case for definition and precision *before the new transfer is made* is irresistible.

This cannot sensibly or properly be achieved in the frenzy of midnight debate at another summit. It needs presentation to *us*, with plenty of time for our orderly and informed consideration of whatever is proposed.

Yours truly,
LEOLIN PRICE,
10 Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
October 8.

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor

Sir, Your editorial of October 7, calling for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty, does not put the case strongly enough. There have, so far, been three referendums in Britain: on the Northern Ireland border (1973), the European Community (1975) and devolution (1979).

All of these have been held to be necessary before the powers of Parliament can be transferred. Thus, contrary to the Foreign Secretary's view, there are persuasive constitutional precedents for suggesting that a referendum is required before any significant portion of Parliament's powers are transferred. There can be no doubt that Maastricht also involves such a transfer of powers.

I write as someone who would vote "yes" in a referendum. But the process of European union will only succeed if it can mobilise the support of the electorate in the various member states. The lesson of the Danish and the French referendums is that Europe can no longer be built solely through the decisions of elites.

Yours faithfully,
VERNON BOGDANOR,
Brasenose College, Oxford.
October 7.

From Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP for Caernarfon (Plaid Cymru)

Sir, Apparently the heads of European governments, discussing the future of the Maastricht treaty in Birmingham next week, are to apply themselves to the concept of subsidiarity — a concept that seems better understood in many continental European countries than in London. Decisions that can be taken in Cardiff, Edinburgh or Belfast should not be taken on either a UK or European basis; and if they can be taken on a local government level, all the better.

"Sovereignty" comes from the people and not from the institution of Parliament itself. In Wales, as in most European democracies, that assumption is self-evident; in Westminster — the sovereign parliament of a people, not the parliament of a sovereign people — it is a matter of dispute.

The issues of European unity, local government legitimacy and democracy for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland — and the regions of England, if they so wish — are inextricably linked with the concept of subsidiarity. The Conservative government in London should understand this, and build on it in a European context.

Yours etc.,
DAFYDD WIGLEY,
House of Commons.
October 6.

From Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM

Sir, I find it ominous that the anti-Maastricht group in England — mainly, it would appear, composed of the young — whilst shouting catchwords of independence, sovereignty and contempt for the concept of European coordination, fail to see themselves as the unwitting voices of that European backlash — the British equivalent of Le Pen — and all the neo-nazi movements of Austria, Germany, Belgium and other countries.

They are the echoes among us of that miserable xenophobic cast of mind which would isolate human cultures from each other, generating the fear and hatred that inevitably leads to further horrifying wars.

Greater Europe, with which we are bound by our geography, is now indisputably the unit. It provides the richest variety of cultures, climates, languages, and landscapes: and it offers us the real sense of belonging to the most wonderful peninsula in the world, wherein the music of many voices and the evaluation of democracy have flourished as nowhere else.

Faithfully yours,
YEHUDI MENUHIN,
110 Gloucester Avenue, NW1.

From Sir Gilbert Longden

Sir, The Foreign Secretary told the Tory conference on October 6 that the government is considering making available to the public a short booklet explaining the Mastricht treaty; some would say not before time.

May I suggest that such a booklet should spell out the meaning of "subsidiarity" by publishing a list of every issue which is to be permanently excluded from the jurisdiction of the European Commission and Court, simultaneously pledging that the list can only be altered by a unanimous vote of all member states.

Sincerely,
GILBERT LONGDEN,
89 Cornwall Gardens, SW7.

From Mr Michael Shrimpton

Sir, Having publicly declared his support for the overthrow of the Crown, Professor Stephen Haseler (letter, September 30) might, with respect, derive some profit from a close reading of the law on sedition.

It is erroneous to criticise the House of Lords as undemocratic. From the time of Magna Carta barons have acted as a bulwark against tyranny. Under the constitution the House of Lords would be entitled absolutely to reject Maastricht: it is what it is there for.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SHRIMPTON,
2 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, EC4.

Tinker, tailor and other plum jobs

From Mr S. W. Wainman

Sir, Mr F. J. Stevenson (letter, October 1) must have had a slightly unexciting childhood with his plum stones. Some of us were fortunate enough to grow up with: "Soldier brave, Sailor true, Skilled physician, Oxford blue, Saintly bishop, Squire so hale, Gouty nobleman, Curate pale".

One need only to remember the Falklands and Iraq to realise the first two are still with us. A few minutes outside the Athenaeum in Pall Mall after lunch will identify many bishops and curates, and a short walk to St James's Street should reward the observant with a selection of squires and noblemen leaving their clubs to return to the shires. No comment is needed from me on either the skills of our medical profession or the abilities of our university sportsmen.

This rhyme will see us safely into the next century.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON WAINMAN,
Upper Ashe House, Ashe,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

From Mrs Bridget Whinney

Sir, When I was a child counting plum stones etc, an alternative to "Tinker, tailor" was "Army, Navy, Medicine, Church, Architect, Lawyer, Left in the lurch".

Yours faithfully,
BRIDGET WHINNEY,
Lentune Ford, Walhampton,
Lymington, Hampshire.

From Miss Felicity Trotman

Sir, An alternative rhyme which can be recited over marshalled plum stones on a plate runs: "Army, Navy, Medicine, Law, Church, Bank, Nothing at all". This suits a classless society; it is less male chauvinistic and sex-discriminatory, and might one day include women priests.

Yours faithfully,
FELICITY TROTMAN,
Downside, Chicklade,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Mrs Denis Sole

Sir, As a child in the Thirties and Forties, I was brought up on "Church, Bar, Sea, Sword, Squire, Artist, Doctor, Lord".

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN SOLE,
The Old Vicarage,
Bodenham, Herefordshire.

From Mrs Anne Digby

Sir, To commemorate the 1992 sterling crisis: "Banker, Teller, Floater, Seller, Rich man, Poor man, Middleman, Thief".

Yours faithfully,
ANNE DIGBY,
Coombe House, Holwell,
Sherborne, Dorset.

From Mr A. E. Pearce

Sir, In view of the parlous state of the economy, and the construction industry in particular: "Builder, Banker, Debtor, Bailiff, Lawyer, Bankrupt, Receiver, Parson".

I remain, yours sincerely,
ANTONY PEARCE,
Anchor Court, 52A Chapel Street,
Penzance, Cornwall.

From Mr Peter J. Beer

Sir, The prevalence of co-habitation suggests another recitation over the plum stones ripe for revision: "Not this year, Not next year, Sometime?, Never".

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. BEER,
2 Hill Cottages, Reepham,
Nr Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr Malcolm Lawson-Paul

Sir, Liquidator, Legislator, Fornicator, Agitator, Mediaperson, Europerson, Spokesperson, Nonperson.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM LAWSON-PAUL,
111 Saint Pancras,
Chichester, West Sussex.

From Mr B. R. Barnfield

Sir, Worker, Winger, Soap-star, Singer, Duchess, Repossessed, Chancellor, Thief.

Yours faithfully,
B. R. BARNFIELD,
12 Westbourne Crescent, W2.

From Mr K. E. Martin

Sir, Dealer, Broker, Salesman, Joker, Lloyds' Name, Bankrupt, Medicant, Morally Disadvantaged Person.

Yours faithfully,
K. E. MARTIN,
Meadowbank, Bagthrope Road,
East Rudham, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

From Dr Philip Roe

Sir, Social worker, Dole queue shirker, Acrobat, Bureaucrat, Diplomat, Spy.

Yours etc.,
PHILIP ROE,
157 Verulam Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr David Seekings

Sir, How about: "Accountant, Taxman, Lloyd's, QC, Now there's nothing left for me"?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SEEKINGS,
Fairfield, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Structure for schools

From Professor Ronald Davie

Sir, I would question the concluding implication of your leader on Mr Patten's education plans (September 29) that the detail of the proposed bureaucratic structure for schools is of less importance to pupils than is the restoration of pride to state schools. I do not deny the value of this latter; but for a substantial minority of children, those with special educational needs, the structure is crucial.

The successful integration of such children within mainstream schools depends critically on a range of support services available to schools as well as on an effective, properly resourced system within each school. For children with more complex difficulties, a special school or unit for some or all their time may be needed.

Therefore, the hallmark of good provision for this group of some 20 per cent of the school population is a continuum of flexible arrangements from special school to mainstream school, with varying degrees and types of support for pupil and teacher. Such provision needs strategic planning and clear structures at area level.

At present Mr Patten's white paper gives no indication as to how this planning will be effected and there is widespread unease, even alarm, amongst professional groups, parents and voluntary bodies in this field. For the most vulnerable children in our schools his proposals could at best be high risk and at worst disastrous.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD DAVIE
(President, National Association for Special Educational Needs),
3 Grange Grove, N1.

Criminal Justice Act

From His Honour Judge Michael Mettyear

Sir, According to the Director of Nacro, in her letter supporting the new Criminal Justice Act (October 3), "a recent Home Office research study found that in the case of theft of value under £200, 39 per cent of offenders received immediate custodial sentences". I believe that the study referred to was published in 1988, and that it was based upon 1986 statistics.

This is by no means "recent" in the context of the rapidly changing world of sentencing policy. More importantly, the Nacro argument ignores the explanations for such sentences given in the study. These include the facts that the offence was committed in breach of a suspended sentence, or was a serious breach of trust, such as the theft of mail by a postman, or that the offender refused to co-operate in the composition of any other form of sentence.

Sentences of imprisonment for straightforward petty dishonesty are inappropriate, irrespective of the new Act. Such sentences would be contrary to existing guidelines cases and struck down by the Court of Appeal.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL K. METTYEAR,
Sheffield Crown Court,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

Provence interlude

From Mr Paul Eddy

Sir, If Peter Mayle was more in touch with the community from which he has made his fortune, he might have heard that Jeffrey Kime, whom he attacked along with me in his interview with Valerie Grove in Life & Times today (October 9) is dead.

Since Jeffrey was only 42, and since his death was entirely unexpected, the village was deeply shocked. Mr Mayle's readers may be surprised to learn that the "Le Pen-supporting café proprietor", the "spasmodic" baker, and many of the other characters he so grotesquely parodied in *A Year in Provence* have gone to some trouble to express their sympathy to Jeffrey's widow and their two young children.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL EDDY,
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84560 Ménerbes, France.

A tenpenny lion

From Mr E. W. Brown

Sir, To replace the "awful camp lion" on the ten-pence piece that so offends Norroy and Ulster King of Arms (letter, October 2), the Royal Mint need look no further than the old shilling. It has two choices: the version bearing the three lions couchant of England (originally leopards, I believe) or the version bearing the lion rampant of Scotland. That truly is a "grand and virile beast", after Mr Brooke-Little's heart.

Indeed, given that the summit at the end of the UK's presidency of the EC is to be held in Edinburgh, the Scottish lion would also have been a more fitting symbol than the tame pussycat that is being used to symbolise Britain.

Yours faithfully,
E. W. BROWN,
6 Tipton Drive, Croydon, Surrey.

Boer War martyr

From Archbishop Desmond Tutu and others

Sir, This decade sees the centenary of the Anglo-Boer war of 1899-1902. Thousands of lives were lost, including those of many black people who became caught up in hostilities.

One notable victim was a Coloured artisan, Abraham Esau, who assisted the operations of British regiments such as the Scots Fusiliers, the East Surreys and the 5th Lancers in the north western region of the then Cape Colony. In February 1901 he was executed as a British collaborator by Boer guerrillas.

The Coloured population of his village of Calvinia made him into a martyr, and shortly after the war an Abraham Esau Memorial Chapel was erected as part of the Anglican Mission Church. It both symbolised local resistance to Afrikaner conquest and preserved the memory of Abraham Esau through this century.

In the 1970s the chapel and its land fell victim to South Africa's notorious group areas racial zoning, and it was demolished. But its legacy lived on. This year, after learning of the full significance of the chapel land, the present white owner followed his moral instincts and decided freely to return the land to the Anglican Church and the community of Calvinia. A condition was that the Abraham Esau Memorial Chapel be rebuilt on its rightful soil.

In June this historical and emotive act of restitution was commemorated at a public thanksgiving service at St George's Cathedral, Cape Town, and efforts are now in hand to obtain the necessary funds and expertise to rebuild the chapel before the centenary of Abraham Esau's martyrdom. This act of renewal will mark both consciousness and understanding of past wounds and affirm an alternative present of a common South African humanity.

Yours sincerely,
DESMOND CAPE TOWN,
AUSTEN WESLEY JACKSON
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 9: The Queen was represented by General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax, formerly Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Dr Michael Brock.

The Duke of York was represented by Captain Neil Blair RN.

The Prince Edward was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Mather.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 9: The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this morning opened the Dental School Extension and Day Surgery Centre in the Arthur Levin Building, King's College, London SE5.

Her Royal Highness, President, Council for National Academic Awards, attended the Academic Awards Ceremony at Grosvenor House, London W1.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

The Princess Royal was represented by the Right Reverend Michael Mann at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax, formerly Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 9: The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax, formerly Constable and Governor, Windsor Castle, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Johnston at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax, which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, this afternoon.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 9: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Commander Roger Walker, RN at a Service of Thanksgiving for Admiral Sir David Hallifax which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor this afternoon.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, RICHMOND PARK
October 9: Princess Alexandra was represented by Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax which was held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle this afternoon.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir John Cassels, former director-general, NEDO, 64; Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, 52; Mr Charles Dance, actor, 46; Miss Laura Davies, golfer, 29; Mr Ted Edgar, showjumper, 57; the Right Rev A.I.M. Haggart, former Bishop of Edinburgh, 77; Sir Peter Kemp, civil servant, 58; Lord Kincraig, 74; Professor J.B. Large, professor of applied acoustics, 62; Mr Daniel Massey, actor, 59; Mr Nicholas Parsons, broadcaster, 64; Mr Harold Pinter, playwright, 62; Dr Brian Smith, master, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 59; the Earl of Stockton, 49; Mr Chris Tarrant, broadcaster, 46; Mr Frank H. Taylor, former MP, 85; Mr G.F.M.P. Thompson, former chairman, Kleinwort Benson, 82; Mr Richard Thornton, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, 70; Mr Midge Ure, rock singer, 39.

TOMORROW: Sir Godfrey Agnew, former Clerk of the Privy Council, 79; Mr D.K. Baxandall, former director, National Galleries of Scotland, 87; Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark, former MP, 60; Miss Maria Bueno, tennis player, 53; the Hon Sir Adam Butler, former MP, 61; Mr Bobby Charlton, footballer, 55; Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, 55; Miss Valerie Cumming, deputy director, Museum of London, 46; Sir Timothy Daunt, diplomat, 57; Sir Michael Edwardes, former chairman, British Leyland, 62; Miss Dawn French, actress and comedienne, 35; Mr Geoffrey Haslam, former chairman, Prudential Corporation, 78; Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, ICI, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntosh, 73; Mr Alan Pascoe, athlete, 45; Major-General F.J.C. Piggott, 82; Lord Prior, 65; Dame Diana Reader Harris, former headmistress, Sherborne School for Girls, 80; Mr David Rendall, tenor, 44; Dame Paddy Ridsdale, 71; Air Marshal Sir Michael Stear, 54; Lord Tordoff, 64; Mr Thomas Wheare, headmaster, Bryanston School, 48.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the NFYFC competitions day at the YFC Centre, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, at 10.00.

JULIAN HERBERT

Just dropping in: Tusker, a model African elephant, is winched down into Trafalgar Square by the Royal Corps of Transport, Territorial Army, to mark the start of the British tour of *Mowgli-L'enfant loup*, a French version of Kipling's *Jungle Book*. Tusker, built by the artist Emma Dobson, will be going on tour with the show

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Jacobus Arminius, theologian, Oudewater, The Netherlands, 1560; Jean-Antoine Watteau, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; Henry Cavendish, chemist and physicist, Nice, 1731; Benjamin West, President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, Springfield, Pennsylvania, 1738; John Abercrombie, physician, Aberdeen, 1780; Hugh Miller, geologist, Cromarty, 1802; Giuseppe Verdi, composer, Parma, Italy, 1813; Sir John Simon, pathologist and sanitary reformer, London, 1816; Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic 1883-1902, Colesberg, Cape Colony, 1825; Rufus Isaacs, 1st Marquess of Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21, Viceroy of India 1921-26, London, 1860; Fridtjof Nansen, Arctic explorer, statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Store-Frøen, Norway, 1861; William Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Worcester, 1877; Alberto Giacometti, painter and sculptor, Stampa, Switzerland, 1901.

DEATHS: Fra Filippo Lippi, painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; William Wilkie, "the Scottish Homer", 1772; Henry Brooke, novelist, Dublin, 1783; François Marie Charles Fourier, socialist writer, Paris, 1837; Edouard Daladier, Premier of France 1933-34 and 1938-40, Paris, 1970; Sir Ralph Richardson, actor, London, 1983; Yul Brynner, New York, 1985.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Samuel Clarke, theologian, Norwich, 1675; James Barry, historical painter, Cork, 1741; Heinrich Olbers, astronomer, Arbergen, Germany, 1758; Joseph Gillot, pioneer of the steel pen, Sheffield, 1799; John Thadeus Delane, Editor of *The Times* 1841-1877, London, 1817; Sir George Williams, founder of the YMCA, Dulverton, Somerset, 1821; Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1844; François Mauriac, novelist, Nobel laureate 1952, Bordeaux, 1885.

DEATHS: Huldreich Zwingli, Swiss reformer, killed in battle, Kappel, Switzerland, 1531; Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder, poet, Sherborne, Dorset, 1542; Meriwether Lewis, explorer in NW America, Nashville, Tennessee, 1809; Samuel Wesley, musician, London, 1837; James Joule, physicist, Sale, Cheshire, 1889; Anton Bruckner, composer, Vienna, 1896; Henry Broadhurst, trades unionist, Cromer, 1911; Jean Fabre, entomologist, Sérignan-du-Comtat, 1915; Maurice Vlaminck, painter, Rueil-la-Gadelière, 1958; "Chico" Marx, actor, Hollywood, 1961; Jean Cocteau, poet, painter, actor and film director, Milly-la-Forêt, 1963; Edith Piaf, singer, Paris, 1963; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian of *The Times*, London, 1967.

The German mark dropped to 10,000 million to the £, 1923.

Memorial services

Admiral Sir David Hallifax
The Queen was represented by General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, the Duke of Edinburgh by Dr Michael Brock and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir David Hallifax held yesterday in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, the Duke of York by Captain Neil Blair, RN, Prince Edward by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Mather, the Princess Royal by the Right Rev Michael Mann, Princess Margaret by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Commander Roger Walker and Princess Alexandra by Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier.

The Dean of Windsor officiated and Canon John White, precentor, led the prayers. Mr Tom Hallifax, son, read the lesson and Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach gave an address. The Bishop of Winchester pronounced the blessing. The Military Knights of Windsor were in attendance.

The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire was represented by the Hon Lady Palmer and the Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead attended. Others present included:

Lady Hallifax (widow), Miss Louisa Hallifax (daughter), Mr and Mrs Michael Sword and Mr and Mrs William Benyon (brothers-in-law and sisters), Mr and Mrs E Slakiston-Houston and Mr and Mrs C Douglas-Menzies (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mrs G Rowan-Hamilton and Mrs M Haines (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs Robert Sword, Mr David Sword, Mr and Mrs E Benyon, Mr and Mrs E Benyon, Miss S Benyon, Mrs M Beardmore-Gray, Mr and Mrs P Haig, Mrs T Riall, Mrs and Mrs S Samuel, Miss H Best-Shaw, Miss S Glennie, Mr M Vanderstegen-Drake, Mr J Douglas-Menzies.

The Duke of Norfolk, KG, and the Duchess of Norfolk, the Duke of Fife, Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, Lord and Lady Howard de Walden, Lord and Lady Farnham, Lady Fieldhouse, Lady Napier and Ettrick, Lord and Lady St Helens, Sir Robert Fellowes, Sir Edward and Lady Du Cann, Lady Frances Hanmer, Lady Sylvia Maitby, the Hon Nicholas and Mrs Assheton, the Hon J H R Marriers, the Hon Mrs A Houston, Vice-Admiral the Hon Sir Nicholas and Lady Hill-Norton, Sir Michael and Lady Colman, Sir George Earle, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James and Lady Scott, Sir Michael and Lady Thomas.

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward and Lady Ashmore, Admiral of the Fleet Sir William and Lady Staveley, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, Field Marshal Sir Nigel and Lady Bagnall, Admiral Sir Desmond and Lady Dreyer, Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Admiral Sir Julian and Lady Oswald, Admiral Sir William O'Brien, Admiral Sir William Pillar, Admiral Sir Jock and Lady Slater, Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Herbert, Admiral Sir Richard and Lady Thomas, Admiral Sir David and Lady Williams, Admiral Sir Desmond and Lady Cassidi, Admiral Sir Simon Cassels, General Sir Richard and the Hon Lady Worsley, General Sir James Glover, Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey and Lady Dalton, Vice-Admiral Sir John and Lady Coward, Vice-Admiral Sir David and Lady Brown, Vice-Admiral Sir Iwan and Lady Raikes, Vice-Admiral Sir James and Lady Weatherall, Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen and Lady Berthon.

Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Janion, Rear-Admiral Sir Richard and Lady Trowbridge, Rear-Admiral Sir Paul and Lady Greening, Major-General Sir Jeremy Moore, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alan and Lady Boxer, Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard and Lady Buckley, Major Sir Shane and Lady Blewitt, Lady Frewell, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Edward and Lady Jackson, Lady MacMillan, Sir Alastair and Lady Aird, Lady de Bellaigue, Lady Grandy, Lady Stanford, Sir William and Lady Slack, Sir Reginald Secondé, Lady Villiers, Lady Palmer, Sir Charles and Lady Mott-Radclyffe, Sir John and Lady Mowbray, Sir Antony and Lady Acland, Commander Peter and Lady Moyra Campbell, Mr A A C and Lady Elizabeth Godsal, Mr and the Hon Mrs H Roberts, Mr and the Hon Mrs Brian Stevens.

Rear-Admiral and Mrs J Adams, Rear-Admiral and Mrs T Evens, Rear-Admiral and Mrs J P Barker, Rear-Admiral and Mrs H M Balfour, Rear-Admiral and Mrs J H Carlill, Rear-Admiral W A Higgins, Rear-Admiral P N Marsden, Rear-Admiral B Straker, Rear-Admiral K Snow, Air Vice-Marshal B H Newton, Major-General R L C Dixon, Major-General and Mrs H M Rose, Commodore M C Gordon-Lennox, Commander and Mrs C Simeon, Lieut-Colonel S V Gilbart-Denham, Lieut-Colonel B Stewart-Wilson, Mrs F Caswell, Mrs M Brock, Mrs V Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe, Capt and Mrs L W L Chelton, Mrs T Courtauld, Mrs A A Cuthwell, Capt J Coote, Mr H W Doss, Mr and Mrs O Everett, Mr G Franklin, Mr R Ford.

Mr and Mrs A Caiger-Smith, Mr G Darling, QC, and Mrs Darling, Mrs P A Downward, Mr I L Davies, Mr N Hallifax, Mrs J Henderson, Mrs M A Moxon, Mrs P R Mitchell, Mrs D M Stanesby, Canon and Mrs E E Staples and representatives of the Windsor branch of the Royal Naval Association, the Society of Friends of St George's Chapel, the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, the Portobello Association, the League of Friends of King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, the Scout Association, St George's School Old Boys Club, Windsor and Eton Society, the Royal Windsor Rose and Horticultural Society, Friends of Winchester Cathedral, Lloyds Bank, the Carpenters' Company, the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship and the Berkshire Federation of Women's Institutes.

Mr Malcolm Anson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Malcolm Allinson Anson was held yesterday in The Chapel, Clifton College, Bristol. The Rev James Dickie officiated and prayers were led by the Rev Canon Christopher Pilkington. Sir John Wills, Bt, Lord Lieutenant of Avon, gave the address, and lessons were read by Mr Sandy Anson and Mr Roderick Anson, sons.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.G.C. Becher
and Miss P.M.K. Smallbone
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr and Mrs B.G.C. Becher, of Copper's Hill, Burwash, East Sussex, and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J.K. Smallbone, of Kew, Surrey.

Mr S.S. Beedle
and Miss J.L. Horsfall
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Beedle, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, and Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Horsfall, of Little Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr P.H. Cothier
and Miss A. Letts
The engagement is announced between Philippe, son of Docteur and Mme Jean-Marie Cothier, of Angouleme, France, and Gigi, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Letts, of Holland Park Avenue, London.

Mr R.J.M. Edwards
and Miss J.M. Cobb
The engagement is announced between Roger, youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.G. Edwards, of North Chideock, Dorset, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr H. Cobb and the late Mrs C. Cobb, of Liskeard, Cornwall.

Mr R.J. Gnodde
and Miss K.J. White
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Drury Gnodde, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Kara, eldest daughter of Mr Raymond White and Mrs Valerie Thomas, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr A.J. Gordon
and Miss A.M. Mead
Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Andrew Joseph, younger son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Gordon, of Glasgow, to Alison Margaret, only daughter of Mrs Margaret Mead and the late Mr Alan Mead, of Hertfordshire.

Sub Lieutenant N.J. Soul, RN,
and Miss J-A. Look
The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, son of Surgeon Captain and Mrs John Soul, of Trevenevow, Yelverton, Devon, and Julie-Ann, daughter of Mr William Look, of Bexley, Kent and Mrs Rhoda Look, of Buckfastleigh, Devon.

Mr A.J. Johnston
and Miss J.K. Ranner
The engagement is announced between Alexander, eldest son of Mr Andrew Johnston and Mrs Christine Johnston, of London, NW3, and Juliana, daughter of Mrs Lois Ranner, of Manhattan, New York.

Dr A.I.M. Macleod
and Dr M.G. Mackinlay
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Dr and Mrs Hugh Macleod, of Fearn, Ross-shire, Scotland, and Morag, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Mackinlay, of Bearsden, Glasgow, Scotland.

Mr H.D.E. Scott
and Miss C.R. Maddick
The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of Sir Anthony and Lady Scott, of London, and Ruth, elder daughter of Mr D. Maddick and Mrs E. Roberts, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr S. Shamash
and Dr E.J. Price
The engagement is announced between Saleem, son of Mr and Mrs F.D. Shamash, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Price, of Carwe, Dyfed.

Marriages

Mr S.J. Notley
and Miss H.L. Gulliman
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 12, at Christ Church, Llanwarne, Herefordshire, of Mr Sean Notley, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Notley, of Hunston, Suffolk, to Miss Helen Gulliman, daughter of Mr S.N. Gulliman, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire and Mrs J.P. Jolley, of Llanwarne, Herefordshire.

The bride was given away by her father and attended by Miss Christine Beath, Miss Sarah Knight, Miss Suzanne Jolley and Abigail Ashworth. Mr Ian Notley was best man.

Mr R.J. Truscott
and Miss C.M. Blight
The marriage took place on October 3, 1992, at St Mewan Church, St Austell, Cornwall, between Richard John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Truscott, of Grampound Road, Truro, and Josephine Carlona, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs David P. Blight, of Sticker, St Austell, formerly of Edinburgh.

Service dinners

Navigating and Direction Officers Association
Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Officers of the Navigating and Direction branch of the Royal Navy held last night in HMS Dryad. Admiral Sir John Kerr presided. Among those present were:

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Vice-Admirals Sir David Clutterbuck, Sir Ian Hogg and Sir Peter Buchanan; Rear-Admirals Sir Hugh Janion, A J Cooke and D M Eckersley-Maslin; and the Captains of HMS Dryad and HMS Mercury.

Royal Corps of Signals
Major-General A. Yeoman presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Corps of Signals held last night at the Western Club, Glasgow. Major-General A.C. Birtwistle, Master of Signals, attended.

Queen's Own Highlanders
Lieutenant-General Sir Chandos Blair presided at the annual regimental dinner of the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) held last night at the Culloden House Hotel, Inverness.

Minerva Society
Group Captain S.M. Williamson-Noble presided at the annual dinner of the Minerva Society held last night at RAF Henlow. Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness was the guest of honour. Air Marshal Sir Michael Alcock and Air Vice-Marshal D.R. French were among others present.

Luncheon

Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr Ralph Land was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the Danish Club. Mr James G. Davis, chairman, was host and Sir Ronald McIntosh also spoke.

Fuellers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fuellers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr John A. Boddy; Senior Warden, Dr Paul W. Glover; Junior Warden, Mr William M. Pybus.

Holborn Law Society

The following have been elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr D.E. Long; Vice-presidents, Mr J.H. Lewis and Mr A.F. Whitehead; Hon Treasurer, Miss J.D. Dollimore; Joint Hon Secretaries, Mr J.M. Davies and Mr U.W. Bankes.

Appointment

George Edward Cawdron to be a Provincial Stipendiary Magistrate for the North East London Commission Area, based at Newham.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Through dread deeds you answer us with victory, God our deliverer, in whom all put their trust at the ends of the earth and on the distant seas.
Psalm 65:5

BIRTHS

BUDD - On October 8th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Luisa and Nicholas, a son, Dominick Alexander Peter.

CAMERON - On October 7th at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Anthony and Lesley, a daughter, Abigail Faye, a sister for Olivia.

FOULKES - On October 9th 1992, to Susan and Hilary, a daughter, Elisabeth Cady, a sister for Caroline and Samuel.

FUEST - On October 6th, to Carolyn (née Humphreys) and David, twin sons, George and Arthur.

GARFORTH-BLES - On October 3rd, to Rachel (née Stalte) and David, a daughter, Sophie Victoria, a sister for Rebecca Louise.

GULLIFER - On October 9th, to Louise (née Edwards) and Robert, a daughter, Henrietta Louise, a sister for Emma.

PEARCE - On October 7th 1992, at The Portland Hospital, to Virginia (nee Miller) and Gareth, a daughter, Davina Constance, a sister to Lucy and Emma.

SHANKLIN - On October 4th, to Liz (née Galloway) and Simon, a dear daughter, Philippa Katie, a sister and alibi for Alexander.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

BRETT:CONNER - On October 11th 1962 at St Nicolas Parish Church, Nuneaton, Richard Templeton to Barbara Joan.

DEATHS

BRISELDEN - On October 9th, Marion Amy 'Chick' (née Young) after a short illness, in her 90th year. Dearly loved wife of the late Frank, mother of Betty and Tony, sister of John and the late Geoff, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at West Herts Crematorium, Garston, on Friday October 16th at 11.30am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to South West Herts Hospice Appeal, 174 High Street, Watford, WD1 2EG.

COLERIDGE - On October 6th 1992, peacefully at Suddon House, Wincanton, Dora Lovelace aged 81 years. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Shaftesbury, on Tuesday October 13th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Save the Children Fund, Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8AD or The British Red Cross Society, 14/15 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1.

DEATHS

DUKE - On October 8th in a nursing home in Wells, Maud Mary Isabella, aged 95, widow of Captain M.V. Duke, Royal Navy, and a much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private family cremation. No flowers, please.

EWART-BIGGS - On October 8th, Baroness (Jane) Ewart-Biggs, in Charing Cross Hospital. Funeral Service private. Donations, if desired, to The Ewart-Biggs Fund c/o The Secretary, 63A Abingdon Villas, London W8 6XA, for distribution to her favourite charities. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

HOUSELEY - On October 6th 1992, suddenly at home, Philip John, dear husband of Christine and father of Andrew, William, Matthew and Jonathan. Funeral Service will be held at St Thomas Roman Catholic Church, New Brighton Road, Emsworth, on Thursday October 15th at 11 am, followed by interment at Warblington Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations to R.N.L.I. or Amnesty International c/o Carrells Funeral Service, 4 Town Hall Road, Havant, Hants. PO9 1AN.

JOSEPH - On Wednesday October 7th 1992, peacefully at The Jeanne Jugan Residence, Brother Elwin Joseph, aged 88, former Headmaster of De La Salle College, Jersey. Funeral enquiries to Barrells Funeral Directors, Portsmouth, tel: (0705) 824831.

LE HURAY - On Wednesday October 7th 1992 peacefully at home, Peter, dearly loved husband of Bridget and devoted father of Sarah and Martin. Funeral Service at 3pm on Wednesday October 14th at St Catharine's College, Cambridge. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu of flowers for The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation or Cancer Research, may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harshel Court, Cambridge CB1 4UB.

MARSHALL - On October 9th 1992, in Hamilton, Ontario, peacefully after a brief illness, aged 65 years, Reverend David William Marshall. Dearly beloved husband of Lucia and much loved father of Christopher, Paul and Rosalind. Brother of John and Margaret.

McCAUGHEY - On September 24th, in Brisbane, Australia, Stephen Paul, son of the late Jim McCaughey, treasured husband of Glenda.

OLDRIDGE - On October 6th 1992, Mary Oldridge, always known as Molly, widow of the late Kenneth W.J. Oldridge, peacefully in her sleep at Allblasters Nursing Home in Horsham, West Sussex. Funeral Service and cremation at Guildford Crematorium, New Pond Road, Godalming, on Thursday October 15th at 12 noon. Flowers to Pimm's Funeral Services, Dorset House, High Street, Cranleigh, Surrey, tel: (0483) 274079.

PINE-COFFIN - On October 7th, Richard S. Funeral Mass at All Saints Church, Chichele Road, Oxted, Surrey, on Thursday October 15th at 11 am. No flowers. Donations if desired to Oxted and Limpsfield Hospital or Oxted Third World Group.

ROBSON - On October 8th 1992, peacefully at home, Lawrence Fendick, dearly loved by his wife Lorna, his children Bridget, Michael and John and by Annette and his grandchildren. Service at the Parish Church, Thornton-le-Dale, at 11 am on Tuesday October 13th. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Christian Aid.

ROWSELL - On October 8th, suddenly, Ann, beloved wife of Colin at Laggannullan, Gatehouse of Fleet. Funeral 11.30 am, Monday October 12th at St Marys Episcopal Church, Gatehouse of Fleet.

DEATHS

SERJEANT - On October 7th, suddenly in Ostend, Hugh Kavanagh, Lt. Cmdr. RN, father of Christopher and Valerie. Cremation in Bruges on Thursday October 15th. A Thanksgiving Service to be arranged. All enquiries to C.C. Serjeant. Fax: (0426) 664398.

TRAVELL - On October 6th, Evelyn, in her 93rd year, of Northleach, formerly of Gloucester. Widow of Sidney, dearly loved mother of Mary and the late Peter, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private funeral.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

HARVEY - Edgar Thomas, C.B.E., October 11th 1979. Our unfailing love and our gratitude for all the happy memories. Helen & Jeremy.

HERRICK - Remembering with love and gratitude Roy, on this fourth anniversary of his death on 11th October 1988. "No other star has ever shone for me". T.

RICHARDSON - Sir Ralph 1902-1983. Ever treasured, and ever most dearly loved.

TRUSTEE ACTS

BAILEY CLAUD WILSON late of HC65 Box 5044, Bulverde (Rural) 78163, Texas, U.S.A., Company Director died 15th April 1992. Particulars to Messrs. William Charles Crocker, 10 Gough Square, London, EC4A 3NJ before 15th December 1992.

LEPPARD, ELLEN of 23 Chiltern Walk, Tunbridge Wells, Kent died on 28th May, 1992. Particulars to Rawlence & Hart Solicitors of 53 Chatsworth Road, Croydon CR9 1LE reference: MDH before 18th December, 1992

TRUSTEE ACTS

In the estate of Harold Geoffrey Peter Westmore deceased
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act, 1925, that any person having a claim against or an interest in the estate of Harold Geoffrey Peter Westmore late of 106 Bickenhall Mansions, Bickenhall Street, Westminster, London W.1 who died on 26 March 1992 is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his/her claim or interest to the undersigned, the solicitors for the Executor before 7 December 1992 after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which he has had notice and will not as respects the property so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim or interest he shall not then have had notice
DATED this first day of October 1992.
Messrs Lovell White Durrant
65 Holborn Viaduct
London EC1A 2DY
(Reference F4/CVK/CLP/CJC)
Solicitors for the Executor.

McAULIFFE, LEO CHRISTOPHER of 46 Welford Road, Dulwich, London SE22 0AQ died on 28th April 1992. Particulars to ROWE & MAW Solicitors of 20 Blackfriars Lane, London EC4V 6HD (Ref:268/149/24492/0001) before 11th December 1992

MEGAN PARFITT otherwise MEGAN FLORENCE PARFITT otherwise MARGARETTA FLORENCE PARFITT of 7 Vallance Avenue, Chingford, London, E4 6DR died on the 6th October 1990. Particulars to James Jones Son and Francis, Solicitors, Llandysul, Dyfed, SA44 4BP before 1st February 1993.

TUCKER, ERIC CHARLES GODFREY of Flat 2, 12 Hilldrop Crescent, London N7 0HY died on 20th August 1992. Particulars to BARRY POSNER PENTOL & CO Solicitors of MURRIVEN HOUSE, 74/76 Camden Road, London NW1 9DU before 11th December 1992

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WORD-WATCHING

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GOOGOL
(b) A fanciful name (not in formal use) for ten raised to the hundredth power: "The name googol was invented by a child aged nine who was asked to think up a name for a very big number, namely, 1 with a hundred zeros after it. At the same time that he suggested a googol, he gave a name for a still larger number, 'googolplex'."

STAFFAGE
(c) The accessories to a picture, a pseudo-French formation after the German *staffiren* to fit out or garnish: "The staffage of some of Piranesi's daliest subjects discloses an irrepressible instinct for life."

FOOTLE
(a) To trifle or potter or waste time, to talk or act foolishly, of obscure origin: "Now really, Settee, do not try to footle like this."

CLAVIGER
(b) One who carries a key, a caretaker, from the Latin *claviger* someone carrying a key or a club: "The great claviger of heaven, which hath the key of David."

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch (Our Lady Undercroft); 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), Rev S Van Culin. ; 2.15 Holy Baptism; 3.15 Canterbury Festival Evensong, Ave Maria (Peeters), Responses (Hendrie and Duruflé), Collegium Regale (Howells), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré); 5.30 Organ recital.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Missa brevis (Mozart), Rev L Carberry; 11.30 M, Responses (Ayleward), Stanford in B flat; 2 North Yorkshire Old Guides' Service; 4 E, Jackson in G, My heart is inditing (Handel), Canon J Toy, ; 5 York Ecumenical Justic and Peace Service.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Te Deum (Leighton), Jubilate (Britten in E flat), Rt Rev and Rt Hon Dr D Hope; 11.30 HC, Missa brevis (Mozart), Ave verum corpus (Byrd); 3.15 E, E W Naylor in A, Greater love (Ireland), Ven G Cassidy. .

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Leighton), Kelly in C, Glorious and powerful God (Wood), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Schubert in G (Harris Holy Euch), Canon D Gray; 3 E, Dyson in F, Give unto the Lord (Elgar), Rev J Webber; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 Canon P Bates.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Five-part mass (Byrd), And I saw a new heaven (Bairstow), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Canon R White; 3 E, Collegium Regale (Wood in F), Let all the world (Vaughan Williams), The Provost.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Missa Vidi speciosam (Victoria), Faire is the heaven (Harris), Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Pièce d'Orgue (J S Bach), 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat primi toni (Lassus), O quam suavis est (Lobo), Suite du 2ème ton (Guilain).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's service), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Missa brevis (Lotti), Cantate Domino (Hassler), Very Rev Canon J P Pannett; 7.30 Cafod Vigil.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, I was glad (Parry), Canon as A Moxon.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea, SW3: 11 M, I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), Sancte Deus (Tallis), Prelude in C minor (J S Bach), Rev T Hiney.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Stanford in C), Zadok the Priest (Handel), The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Let Thy Merciful Ears (Mudd), O Taste and See (Goss), The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O Lord, increase my faith (Gibbons), Benedictus: Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Rev K R Joyce; 12 HC (said).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP, Te Deum, Benedictus, Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Rev F V A Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon (Harvest Festival), Responses (Reading), Te Deum (Britten in E), Benedictus, My Beloved Spake (Hadley).

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Awake my soul (Macpherson), Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum Laudamus (Thalben-Ball in B flat), Jubilate Deo (Thalben-Ball in B flat), Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 M , Rev A T R Goode; 12.15 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Farrant in A minor, Gloria in excelsis Deo (Weelkes); 3.30 E, Teach me, O Lord (Byrd), Weelkes First Service, Blessing, glory and wisdom (Wagner).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Solemnis in C (Mozart), Hymn of the Cherubim , Rev Canon C E Beswick; 6 E & B, The Magdalen Service (Leighton), For he shall give his angels charge over thee (Mendelssohn), Rev C L Gielis.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Communion Service, Preb R Bewes; 6.30 Mr D Trunes.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8 & 12 HC (1662); 10 Childrens Service; 11 M (Rev P Elvy); 6 Harvest Evensong, Rev P Elvy.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Setting (Oxley), O sweet and blessed country (Holst arr Oxley), Rev N Vigers.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 11 S Euch, Missa Spem in alium (Palestrina), O crux splendidior (Phillips), Rev Preb J R Gaskell.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Mr K Costa; 11 Informal Service (Crèche and Children's church), Mr J Jennings; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev S Millar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 & 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, , Rev K Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Rev K Morris; 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Cassian (Short Service), Call to remembrance (Farrant), Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Stanford in C), Byrd five part mass, O hearken thou (Elgar), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Tomkins), Evening canticles (Sumsion in G), Give unto the Lord (Elgar), Canon J Oates.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch; 6.30 EP, Fr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Whitlock in G, Psalm 24 (Honegger), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 10.30 HC, Rev P Watson; 6.30 EP, Rev J Wood.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Le bien que j'ai (Goudimel), I will lift up mine eyes (Howells), Rev G Buckle; 6 Choral E, Watson in E, Greater Love (Ireland), Rev D Perkin.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC (said); 10 Parish Communion, Rev T Birchard; 6.30 ES, Rev O Ross.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Latin Mass; 11 SM, (Missa de Angelis).

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis St Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Ave verum (Mozart), The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Missa O Quam gloriosum (Victoria), O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis), Rev S Acland; 6.30 E, Lord for thy tender mercies' sake (Farrant), Rev S Acland.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 Choral M, Responses (Rose), Jubilate (Tomkins in F minor), Thy word is a lantern (Purcell), Rev P Chester; 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC (1662); 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), We love the place where thine honour dwells (Brahms), O Saviour of the world (Goss), The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev M Henwood; 2.45 Chinese Service (EP), Rev G Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Statham), Noble in B minor, My soul, there is a country (Parry); 6.30 ES, Rev J Pridmore.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Communion Service (Causton), Fr G Reid; 6 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria), Cantate Domino (Hassler), Rev L van der Pump; 6 Prayer and Meditation.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Messe solennelle (Gounod), Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), The Rector; 6.30 EP.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion (Harvest Thanksgiving), Rev E Thompson.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 8 HC; 10 Solemn Euch, Music/Murray, Rev P Atherton; 6.30 LM.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: Church building closed for renovation. Services are being held at 11am & 7pm in Greycoat Hospital School, SW1 and at 7pm in St James the Less Church, SW1.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Venatorum (Lassus), Thee will I love, my God and King (Howells), Vox Ultima Crucis (Harris), Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Mass in D (Dvořák), Rev A Buck.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Jubilate (Howells), The Lord is my Shepherd (Stanford); 6.30 E, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Gustate et videte (Lassus), Laudate Dominum (Hassler), Fr C Colven; 6 Solemn E & B, Fr N Cocking.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W Alexander Cairns; 6.30 Rev Eleanor McMahon.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Mass of 1651 (Monteverdi), My soul there is a country (Parry), Tantum ergo in A flat (Bruckner).

CHURCH OF OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER, Cheyne Row, SW3: 10, 11, 12.15 & 6.30, Fr P Nolan.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Lauda Sion (Palestrina), Esto mihi (Haydn), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, O bone Jesu (Palestrina).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ave Maria (Stravinsky).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: Masses 8.30, 10, 11 Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Justorum Animae (Lassus), 12.15 & 6.30.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev T Houston.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Mr W E Dyer; 6 Ms Lucy D'Aeth.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev D Cruise; 6.30 Rev P Hoar.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 Communion, Colin Dye; 11 Celebration, C Dye; 2.30 Communion, Dave Campbell; 5 Teaching, C Dye; 6.45 Communion, Chris Cartwright; 9 Late on Sunday.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 Morning Worship, Rev P Lovelitt.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Mr J Obuhatsu; 6.30 Rev K Swaine.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11 & 6.30 Col & Mrs Max Ryan.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T Englund; 7 Choral Vespers, Sing to the Lord of Harvest (arr Peter Lee-Cox), Rhapsody No 1 in D flat (Howells), Rev R T Englund.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 MS, Rev Dr D T Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC1: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Civic Service (80th Anniversary), Prof F Young; 6.30 Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

OBITUARIES

WILLY BRANDT

Willy Brandt, chancellor of West Germany from 1969 to 1974 and before that governing mayor of West Berlin from 1957 to 1966, died on October 8 aged 78. He was born on December 18, 1913.

WILLY Brandt was one of the outstanding German statesmen of the post-war years, who played a leading role in re-establishing links between West Germany and the countries of the Soviet bloc. He had first come to prominence as mayor of West Berlin, which he came to symbolise at a time when it was under threat. He then turned to national politics, led the Social Democrats to power in Bonn and, through his *Ostpolitik*, transformed West Germany's external relations.

He was also a man who stirred the imagination of people both in Germany and abroad. He was the only German statesman of his time who could lay a wreath at the concentration camp at Buchenwald, and fall to his knees in the Warsaw ghetto, without striking a false note. When he went to Erfurt for his first meeting with the East German leadership he was all but mobbed by crowds of East Germans. He was cheered to the echo by the Norwegians when he went to Oslo to try to persuade them to join the European Economic Community (though they later rejected his advice).

The reason for this appeal lay in his warm and idealistic temperament and in the fact that, as a man who had resisted the Nazis and been forced to flee for his life, he had clean hands. It meant that as well as building bridges to the East through his policy of détente he did his country another great service. He was able to persuade those West European countries, like Norway, which had the greatest grounds for mistrusting all things German, to accept West Germany as an ally and a friend.

In West Germany itself his anti-Nazi record brought him the hatred of many older Germans who somehow confused his activities with a kind of treason. But he retained throughout his life the ability to appeal to young people, along with the thin skin which meant that, even after years in the Bundestag, he was easily hurt. Towards the end of his life, his ideals were reflected in the work of the Brandt Commission on relations between the industrialised countries of the "North" and the developing ones of the "South". Brandt was an active chairman of the commission and was disappointed when its report, which called for a massive transfer of resources from "North" to "South" had so little effect. Brandt was awarded the Nobel Peace prize for his *Ostpolitik* in 1971.

Willy Brandt was born in Lübeck on the Baltic to Martha Frahm, a 19-year-old salesgirl. He was christened Herbert Ernst Karl Frahm and never knew his father, who did not marry his mother. His illegitimacy never troubled him and certainly did not hold him back, but Adenauer's unworthy gibe in the 1961 election campaign about "Herr Brandt, alias Frahm" drew from its victim a display of seething contempt which it richly deserved.

The main influence in his early life was his maternal grandfather, a farm worker and casual labourer and committed SPD (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands) supporter who imbued him with political ideals almost from the cradle. He won a scholarship to the distinguished Johanneum Gymnasium (grammar school) at 13 and it was not long before his teachers noticed his political dedication. One told his mother: "Keep your son away from politics. The boy is gifted... politics will ruin him." But he joined the SPD *Arbeiterjugend* (workers' youths) at 16 and the party proper a year later.

His sponsor on the latter occasion was Julius Leber, the local SPD leader and a newspaper editor who became the second surrogate father in the life of Herbert Frahm. From this moderate but committed socialist, the young man learned to recognise the magnitude of the threat Hitler and his Nazis represented to Germany and her neighbours.

The robust young Frahm was soon embroiled in the brawls between the brownshirts and the forces of the left. One of the fracas in which he was involved led to him and a number of others being charged with manslaughter, but it was established to the satisfaction of the court that he had not been close to the scene of the death of a demonstrator and he was therefore acquitted.

Frahm remained active and in 1931, impatient with the excessively, in his view, moderate policies being pursued by the SPD, he joined a revolutionary Marxist breakaway group called the Socialist Workers' Party. He and Leber fell out over this, but a year later Frahm returned to the fold and he began to write articles for his re-discovered mentor. The name "Willy Brandt" first appeared at this time as a *nom de plume*.

Adolf Hitler became chancellor in January 1933. The following month saw a massive protest demonstration in Lübeck in which his friend Leber, on bail after having been arrested and beaten up by the Nazis and banned from taking an active part, delivered a statement: "Freedom." Brandt never saw him again as he found it expedient soon after the rally to flee for his life to Norway. Brandt fled again, from occupied Norway to neutral Sweden, soon after the German invasion and spent the rest of the war in Stockholm.

Discarding the name Frahm altogether now for that of Brandt, the exiled socialist took up full-time journalism. During the war, he ran a small Norwegian-Swedish news agency, having become by this time fluent in Norwegian and a Norwegian citizen. He had also married his first wife, Carlotta, a Norwegian (they parted in 1944 and were subsequently divorced). He had contact with such German resistance to Hitler as existed within the Reich.

After the war he went to Berlin as press attaché to the Norwegian military mission with his temporary major's commission in 1946. A year later, he took out German citizenship again in his native city and re-joined the SPD. The party very soon made him the representative in Berlin of its executive early in 1948, and that is where he stayed and rose to national fame.

The world first sat up and took notice of him in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Hungary late in 1956, when Brandt, by then president of the Berlin House of Representatives, personally defused dangerous scenes in which enraged mobs of West Berliners seemed set to storm into the Soviet sector of the divided city. In 1957 he was elected mayor and his calm in the face of the Khrushchev ultimatum at the end of 1958, when the Soviet Union demanded that all Berlin was made a "free city", consolidated his reputation. He became a symbol of his divided city and a world figure.

In 1961 Brandt was adopted by the SPD, desperate for someone of stature to put up against the commanding figure of Konrad Adenauer as its candidate for chancellor in the West German federal election. On August 13, 1961, while Brandt was campaigning in Lower Saxony, his adopted city was physically divided and sealed off overnight by the Berlin Wall. Returning home to rally his fellow-citizens, Brandt was acutely disappointed at the low-key response, as he felt it to be, of the West in general and the Americans in particular. But President Kennedy's dramatic visit to the city in 1963, when he identified himself with the beleaguered half-city, reconciled Brandt to the United States.

The 1961 election campaign was an unscrupulous one, with frequent use being made of "bastard mayor" gibes and the like. But the SPD improved its percentage of the poll by almost five per cent over 1957. So Brandt was the only conceivable choice as candidate for 1965, by which time he was chairman of the SPD as well, a position he was to hold for a good 20 years. A second failure in that hard campaign disappointed him, however, and made him ill with heart trouble. He swore he would never stand again.

But in 1966 the coalition of Christian Democrats (CDU) and Free Democrats (FDP), which had supported the brief chancellorship of Dr Ludwig Erhard, fell apart. After long negotiations, the "Grand Coalition" of CDU and SPD was formed, with Dr Kurt-Georg Kissinger (CDU) as chancellor and Willy Brandt as vice-chancellor and foreign minister. The SPD had a share in power for the first time since the second world war.

With the help of his *éminence grise*, Egon Bahr, Brandt lost no time in launching his *Ostpolitik* of reconciliation with the Soviet Union and the Soviet-dominated countries of Eastern Europe, all of which had suffered at the hands of the Nazis. The first step was to establish diplomatic relations with Romania at the beginning of 1967. This was the first move in this direction since relations had been formalised with the Soviet Union in 1955, and showed the pragmatism which Brandt was to adopt.

Brandt stood for the chancellorship again in 1969 in an election in which the SPD once more narrowed the gap between itself and the CDU. The CDU fell short of an absolute majority, and Brandt persuaded the new, left-liberal leader of the FDP, Walter Scheel, to join him in coalition. The shift of partner by the small liberal party brought the SPD leadership of a government in Germany for the first time since before the second world war. Brandt became chancellor.

Strongly supported by Scheel, who became foreign minister, Brandt proceeded to give a strong new impetus to his *Ostpolitik*. There were three main areas of activity: the establishment of a *modus vivendi* with East Germany, the normalisation of relations with Poland, and the negotiation of a treaty with the Soviet Union on the renunciation of force. As far as East Germany was concerned, the first results were seen on March 19, 1970, when Brandt went to Erfurt in East Germany for a summit meeting with Herr Willi Stoph, the East German prime minister — the first meeting of its sort since the foundation of the two states. Brandt received an ecstatic welcome from thousands of East Germans and laid a wreath at Buchenwald.

On December 7, 1970, Brandt went to Warsaw to sign a treaty with Poland. This declared that the Oder-Neisse line constituted the western frontier of Poland and affirmed "the inviolability of their existing frontiers now and in the future". On this occasion, too, there were emotional scenes when Brandt laid wreaths at the tomb of the Polish Unknown Soldier and at the monument commemorating the Jewish uprising in the Warsaw ghetto. The image of the West German chancellor on his knees in atonement for the Holocaust caught the world's imagination.

Brandt's most significant change of course, however, had been in negotiations with the Soviet Union. In August 1970 he and Scheel had visited Moscow and signed a treaty agreeing that both sides would "refrain from the threat of force or use of force in any matters affecting security in Europe and international security, as well as in their mutual relations". In the new climate created by this success, Brandt again visited the Soviet Union in September 1971 for talks at Yalta with Brezhnev.

All this and the accompanying Berlin Agreement between the three Western allies and Russia set the seal on West Germany's emergence as a political power. Brandt had been fond of saying that his country was "an economic giant but a political pygmy". By embedding West Germany in Nato and the EEC, Adenauer had provided half the political equation; Brandt completed it by normalising relations with the Soviet bloc as far as it was possible to do so in his time. West Germany might occupy only half the pre-War Reich, but it was no longer half a state. The two Germanies entered the United Nations simultaneously but separately in 1973.

Not the least of Brandt's contributions to peace had been his decision to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. When he became Chancellor, this had been a controversial issue in West Germany for three years, with strong opposition from the right. But in November, 1969, he signed the treaty, expressing the hope that it would lead to further arms control and disarmament.

During those years, he also maintained his strong belief in the importance of the Atlantic Alliance, despite the fact that much of his attention was given to West Germany's eastern neighbours. He continued to support the concept of a unified Europe and helped to ease Britain's difficulties as it made its way to membership of the European Community.

He ran into stiff opposition to his *Ostpolitik*, however, from within West Germany, particularly from the Christian Democrats and their Bavarian allies, the CSU. In 1972 Brandt was forced to contrive the first premature election in West Germany's brief history because of opposition to the treaties with the Soviet Union and Poland. He made *détente* with the Soviet bloc the central issue of the campaign, and led the SPD to its most resounding victory in more than a century.

Despite this famous victory, however, and the crowning of his *détente* programme thereafter, Brandt's customary post-electoral depression took longer than ever to lift. Within six months, observers were writing him off, and within a year and a half he had resigned. It was a poignantly brief lapse of time between the zenith and the nadir of his career. The occasion of Brandt's resignation was the discovery that one of his closest advisers, Gunther Guillaume, had been an East German "plant", itself an unfortunate and ironic development.

His resignation prevented another far more trivial scandal coming to light at the time, arising from Brandt's lifelong weakness for attractive young women. Brandt considered braving a vote of confidence over Guillaume, for whose treachery he did not feel morally responsible. But his old rival Herbert Wehner, then SPD floorleader, insisted that he should quit. It was also the last straw for a man who had lost the will to rule. Those closest to him, including his second wife, Rut, also a Norwegian, whom he had married in Berlin in 1948, knew that he had wanted to go long before it happened, and that it would have come about in any case.

Brandt remained chairman of the SPD, serving as a useful shield for his successor, Helmut Schmidt, whose pragmatic policies as chancellor always tended to irritate the party's increasingly volatile left wing. Brandt's contribution to Schmidt's electoral victories in 1976 and 1980 was crucial, although even the long-serving chairman's appeals for unity began to lose their impact soon after the latter poll. World recession, the stagnation of the West German economy and consequent social strains paralysed and divided the coalition with the FDP and exhausted the SPD, which was clearly tired of office, devoid of ideas and divided against itself by 1982, when it was abandoned by the FDP.

If the party that had been his lifelong cause proved disappointing to him in his declining years, Willy Brandt went on campaigning for peace and working for democratic socialism worldwide as chairman of the Socialist International, despite a heart attack in 1978 and a second divorce and his third marriage, to the much younger Brigitte, a year later. He was a changed man with a new lease of life, acquired in time for the 1980 campaign.

The Brandt Commission published its report in the same year. It was widely debated and generally welcomed. But its critics said that the result of implementing the report would be to perpetuate the industrial and economic dominance of the north, whose workers and capitalists would benefit from the proposed re-cycling and the concomitant increase in economic activity. But the debate ran out of steam when the world recession threatened to become a catastrophe, and this was a profound disappointment for Brandt.

Acknowledging the practical consequences of the report had been nil, the Brandt Commission in 1983 got out another more urgent appeal entitled *Common Crisis, North-South Co-operation for World Recovery*, but to no greater avail.

At home, Brandt used his continued holding of the SPD party chairmanship in a bid to restore the party's fortunes by espousing causes close to its left-wing or the emerging Green party. This policy of appeasing the Greens, which alienated the FDP, proved to be a disastrous mistake: Helmut Kohl won three elections in a row in 1983, 1987 and 1990 against an SPD which had marooned itself on the left. Chief of the causes espoused proved to be the fierce controversy generated in Germany during 1983 over Nato's decision to deploy intermediate range nuclear missiles. Brandt addressed the monster Bonn rally of that year, organised by peace groups (he had already committed the party against the missiles). But when he insisted he had not become anti-American or anti-Nato he was booed.

Brandt's final stepping down from his SPD post, after holding it for 23 years, was painful. Not due to do so until 1988, he made a surprise announcement that he would quit in March, 1987 — carried out the following June — after the party had revolted over his decision to name a young Greek as the SPD's first press spokeswoman, who was not even a party member. The appointment looked like a self-willed gesture from an old man losing his grip.

The dramatic events of the autumn of 1989, particularly the end of the Berlin Wall, brought the former governing mayor of Berlin back, however, once again into the national limelight. Even there, though, the role he naturally assumed as "Patriarch of German Unity", proved to be only short-lived. It was the right-wing Alliance for Germany, driven by Chancellor Kohl, which resoundingly won the East German elections in the following March.

Like many others, Brandt had been overtaken by the swift-moving results of Gorbachev's decision to relinquish the Soviet Union's military hold over Eastern Europe. He had believed progress could only be gained by small steps and increased contacts between Germans. In 1988 Brandt had described the pledge on reunification in the Federal German Constitution as "a living lie". He was proved wrong, and his words came back to haunt him.

True as always to his *Ostpolitik*, Brandt, during East Germany's 1990 election campaign, made a moving gesture by going personally up to the Oder-Neisse frontier with Poland and publicly declaring: "I came here to tell you that this frontier is final." His role in the first all-German federal election in December 1990 was less prominent. With typical good grace Brandt did all he could to avoid overshadowing the ill-fated SPD chancellor candidate Oskar Lafontaine, who survived an attempt on his life but suffered a crushing defeat at the polls. Despite himself, however, Brandt loomed larger in the minds of eastern Germans than Herr Lafontaine. But for his reassuring presence the SPD might have fared even worse.

Brandt's was a complex character. An emotional and sensual man, he was easily hurt. He was also prone to lengthy bouts of melancholia. But he could display vitality and stamina when his mood was right, working well into the small hours day after day. In later life, he became a genial and philosophical figure.

Brandt is survived by his third wife, Brigitte, whom he married in December, 1983. He had a daughter from his first marriage, and three sons from his second.

BARONESS EWART-BIGGS

Baroness Ewart-Biggs, Opposition Whip in the House of Lords, whose husband was murdered by the IRA when he was British ambassador in Dublin, died of cancer in Charing Cross Hospital on October 8 aged 63. She was born on August 22, 1929.

JANE Ewart-Biggs was driving along Birdcage Walk on her way to the Foreign Office in 1976 when she turned on her car radio and heard that her husband, who had taken up his post as British ambassador in Dublin only 12 days before, had been blown up by a land-mine. A week later she fought back her grief to tell the Irish people on television: "I feel no bitterness, there is no hatred in my heart." But what remained was a determination to do all she could to end the Irish tragedy and to spend the rest of her life working for the causes in which her husband believed.

In the process she emerged as a considerable figure in her own right. She worked for the Irish people's peace movement, founded by Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams; she toured the United States in an attempt to stop American money going to the IRA; she joined the Labour Party and, after being created a life peer, she was a front-bench spokesman and Opposition Whip in the House of Lords.

Felicity Jane Randall was born into an old Army family. But her father, Major Basil Fitzherbert Randall, died when she was three months old and her mother spent the rest of her life in mourning. Her mother's example was one factor which made Lady Ewart-Biggs particularly anxious not to retire into widowhood after her own husband's death.

She had married Christopher Ewart-Biggs, already regarded as a future ambassador, in 1960. She had doubts about her fitness to be the wife of a rising young diplomat. She had left school at 16 and was, in her own words, "a jolly little secretary at the Savoy." In fact, she proved a popular and effective figure during their posts at Algiers, Brussels and later in Paris, where they lived for nearly five years when he was minister under three ambassadors. They were delighted at the move to Ireland. Christopher Ewart-Biggs had time to give only one press conference in Dublin before he was murdered.

Before her own death Lady Ewart-Biggs said: "Everybody deals with loss in a different way. I dealt with it by becoming more involved in politics and in the sort of causes in which he was interested." She instituted the Christopher Ewart-Biggs Literary Prize as a memorial to him. She led marches of the people's peace movement in Ireland and Britain. She worked briefly for the Savoy Hotel group again, but decided she would be better employed on lecture-tours in the United States. Then she joined the Labour Party. This surprised many of her friends. But her husband, though confined by diplomatic protocol, had been an intellectual socialist and she decided that Labour had a tradition of compassion which appealed to her.

She worked at ward level, then tried to become a candidate for the GLC and the European Parliament, but failed to get selected. But in 1981 she was nominated by Labour for a life peerage. This was not a gesture to the widow of a man murdered in the service of the state but a recognition that she would make a good working peer. Though she was surprised at the offer it came at the right time. She had worked as hard as she could for peace in Northern Ireland for five years and she felt she was ready to move on. Her elevation was warmly welcomed. Baroness Sharples, who sat on the Conservative benches and whose own husband had been murdered by terrorists in Bermuda in 1973, lent her the robes she needed when she was introduced.

Her maiden speech was on Europe — a cause which had engrossed her for most of her adult life. She was quickly absorbed into the life of the Upper House, even swimming for the Lords against the Commons. She spoke frequently and was noted for the amount of preparatory work she put into her speeches. Her industry was rewarded by successive appointments — spokesman on home affairs, overseas development and consumer affairs before becoming an opposition Whip. She published two books of memoirs: *Pay, Pack and Follow* and *Lady in the Lords*.

Lady Ewart-Biggs was a tall, striking woman, with strong features to match her spirit.

Shortly before her death she married a close friend of long standing, Kevin O'Sullivan. She is survived by her son and two daughters.

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During the Second World War "couponless" silk stockings and articles of women's underwear found their way on to the Black Market, but the outspoken Metropolitan Magistrate, Claud Mullins, had a different kind of Black Market in mind.

BLACK MARKET IN MARRIAGES

Subjects varying from the black market to matrimonial courts were discussed at the nineteenth annual meeting of the Magistrates' Association, held yesterday at the Mansion House.

The proceedings were opened by the Lord Mayor, who, referring to heavy fines imposed under war regulations, said the City magistrates had never had any difficulty in recovering such penalties, and certainly there had not been any question of offenders taking refuge in bankruptcy. The power to inflict imprisonment had proved most effective in dealing with the reluctant payer.

Lord Sankey, who afterwards presided and moved the adoption of the association's report, said that one of the troubles today was that there were too many rules, and he sometimes wondered whether anybody really knew every regulation for the Defence of the Realm.

Mr F. J. O. Coddington, stipendiary magistrate, Bradford, speaking from his experience of matrimonial courts, said there was some cause for dissatisfaction, not only with the litigants but also the law of procedure. In his court he did not attempt to hold the parties down to strict procedure, but allowed husband and wife to give their version of the trouble, and often in the bickering that followed he was able to discover facts that were of material help to him. He never decided that a couple should be compelled to continue living together where it was plain that such a course would only result in misery to both.

The black market was discussed by Mr G. W. Yandell, chief enforcement officer of the Board of Trade and formerly a superintendent of Scotland Yard, who said that unscrupulous individuals who were enriching themselves in this war at the expense of their fellows were members of a traitors' market, as well as what was known as the black market. Bombed premises had given the unscrupulous an opportunity to feather their own nests by clandestinely disposing of stuff alleged to have been destroyed by enemy action. One of the most prevalent forms of couponless transactions took place in factories where, without the knowledge of the proprietors, silk stockings and women's underwear were sometimes disposed of. Even the crofters of the Highlands and Orkneys had been canvassed for their wares. There was no racket which showed larger profits and attracted more criminals than cosmetics. Industrial lacquer had been supplied by paint manufacturers to cosmetic manufacturers in nail-varnish bottles, and passed off to the retailer as genuine nail varnish. The amount of stolen property in the black market was small in proportion to the whole. His experience showed that when a particular form of crime was prevalent exemplary sentences were the best antidote.

Mr Claud Mullins, a Metropolitan magistrate, referred to what he called the black market in marriages. Many marriages which magistrates had to deal with, he said, were more or less without love and affection and with no desire to make them a success, but to cover up the coming birth of a child. Such marriages should not take place unless there was genuine love and affection. Another kind of black-market marriage was already in vogue. One woman admitted to him that she married the man concerned to be free from conscription.

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Nasa scans the skies for aliens

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

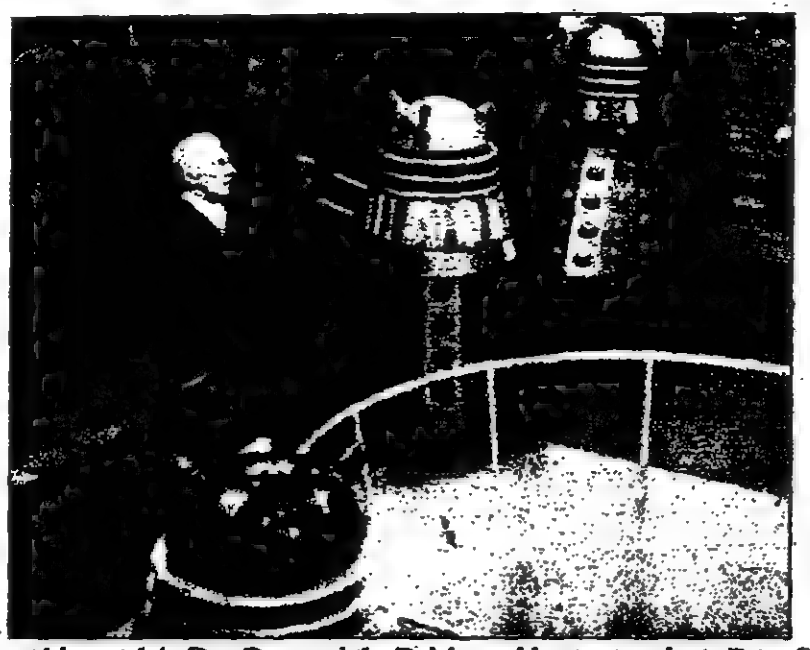
THE biggest search ever launched for alien civilisations begins on Monday when two of the world's most sensitive radio telescopes will be pointed in the direction of an obscure star in the constellation of Ophiuchus.

The United States space agency Nasa admits that the ten-year, $100 million programme has a high "giggle factor", but insists that it is worthwhile for earthlings to prick up their ears and listen for signals from intelligent life elsewhere. Doubters in Congress have responded with a guffaw rather than a giggle.

The new search, to begin on the 500th anniversary of Columbus's first footfall in the new world, is on an altogether bigger scale than anything done before. The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Office, at Nasa's Ames Research Centre in California, will use the 310-metre dish of the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico to listen to 1,000 nearby stars, while another group, from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, will sweep the remaining 99 per cent of the sky. Data from both telescopes will be processed as it is collected, with human monitors ready to respond to any evidence of intelligent signals.

Sensitive as they are, the telescopes will detect only those signals deliberately broadcast by alien civilisations. However, the odds appear to favour the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence. The Milky Way contains 400 billion stars, of which 10 billion might be expected to have potentially habitable planets. If life has evolved on only one in a thousand of these, there would be 10 million civilisations within 130,000 light years.

Is there anybody out there? an 1835 view of men on the Moon, left; Martian invaders in *War of the Worlds*; and the superhero from Krypton



Die, puny Earthlings: but the Mekon, left, met his match in Dan Dare and the Daleks could not exterminate Peter Cushing, centre, while ET just wanted to go home

FROM John Milton to Steven Spielberg, writers and artists have never taken much convincing that aliens beings exist, and that they mean us no good. In *Paradise Lost*, Milton urges Adam: "Dream not of other worlds, what creatures there/ Live, in what state, condition, or degree ..." Fortunately for science fiction writers, his words have always been ignored.

In 1638, Bishop John Wilkins, brother-in-law of Oliver Cromwell, wrote a work entitled *The Discovery of a Worlde in the Moone, or a Discourse tending to prove that 'tis probable there may be another Habitable World in the Planet.* Perhaps fearing ridicule, he published it anonymously.

H G Wells's *War of the Worlds*, published in 1898, tells of invasion by Martians: horrible octopus-like creatures inside the turrets of three-legged machines, striding around callously destroying whatever lies in their path.

Since then, aliens have come in all shapes and sizes, from the horrible Thing from another world in 1951, via the evil Mekon in the *Eagle* comic strip, to Spielberg's *ET*, an alien with liberal views whose dearest wish seemed to be to get home as soon as possible.

The tide turns for Major at Brighton

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to grapple with it worked, and the audience appreciated it. They rose at the end to support their man as a tigress does its cub. Sympathy, just as much as assent or admiration, played an important part in Mr Major's reception. Mind you, by the time it was over, we were all feeling quite tired.

The speech gave us three firsts. It was the first time a party leaders' *spouse* has been given a standing ovation *during* the leader's speech. The tribute to Norma was touching but was it wise? You can't have a tribute to Norma every year. Second, it was the first party leader's speech ever to make no mention at all of the opposition. This will have been Major's own decision and every right-thinking citizen should support him.

Thirdly, this was the first time Mr Major has been intentionally funny in a speech. His jokes about the need for more motorway service areas, for when his children couldn't wait, raised a ready laugh but may cause problems for his son, James, among fellow sixth-formers.

So far so good. Then came much about small businesses, and a heavy section about British industry, followed by a sustained attack on new age travellers. The prime minister appears to feel passionately on the subject of new age travellers. It is really a wonder he has time to organise the Birmingham summit when the problem of new age travellers is so pressing. Everyone has been attacking them at Brighton this week. They have taken over the role which Ron Todd and the USSR used to fill. His undertaking to clobber them was punctuated by six rounds of applause.

And then the peroration. "Let us have faith, courage, pride ..." et cetera. Representatives loved it. So selfless of Mr Lamont, the night before, not to steal Major's thunder.

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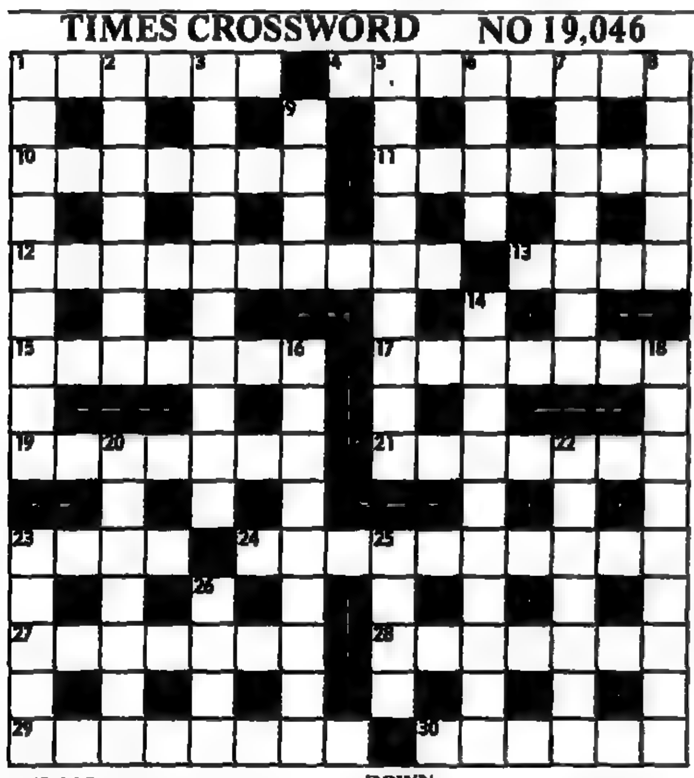

ACROSS
1 Periodical said to be ailing (6).
4 If you want to reach a high ball you must hurry (4,2,2).
10 Murphy, without a second thought, becomes a barman (7).
11 Petition accordingly permitted (7).
12 Artillerymen circle African republic, eager for action (6,2,2).
13 It covers the shoulders and head (4).
15 What's the point in fighting about transport? (7).
17 Clap that's half repressed (7).
19 Informal levy not anything new (7).
21 She's an old bag! (7).
23 Money, and where it might be hidden, they say (4).
24 A saint to venerate, he carried a warning (4,6).
27 Bush finished second (7).
28 Surprising people before the beginning of the end (7).
29 Bearings led Harry astray (8).
30 A taciturn person employs terseness to some extent (6).

DOWN
1 Bowdlerise novel, cutting out ship
2 Desirin' an analgesic (7).
3 Garbled bulletin about the Spanish warning of disaster to ship (6,4).
5 Prevented from seeing thing used the wrong way (9).
6 Rain fell (4).
7 Where to grow fruit or a vegetable (7).
8 Bird with the foreign name (5).
9 Wear away bit of guitar (4).
14 When payments are due in six hours? (7,3)
16 I redirect plane, using blue flag on entrances to each runway (9).
18 An indifferent poet, one who's relaxed about unfinished verses (9).
20 One may call it a sunshade providing shelter (7).
22 Warning about limit on cheque on that account (7).
23 Fate cut short the profession of a clergyman (5).
25 Leaders of left (or of middle) appear vaguely (4).
26 Postman, in a manner of speaking (4).

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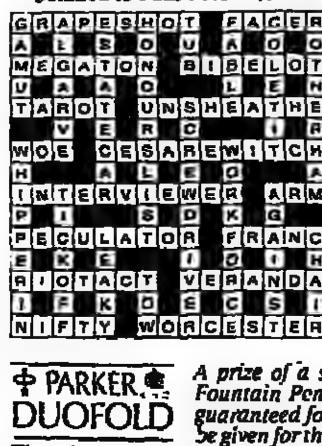

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are:

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GOOGOL
a. A big booby or idiot
b. A big number
c. A man-devouring witch

STAFFAGE
a. Human resources department
b. Dendrochronology
c. Extras added to a painting

FOOTLE
a. To waste time
b. A tiny foot
c. To dibble in seedlings by foot

CLAVIGER
a. The shoulder-blade
b. A caretaker
c. A Hussar Ensign

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Much of Britain will be dry, with some bright or sunny spells. Northern Scotland will be cloudy, with light rain at times. Eastern England will have a few mainly light showers, becoming mostly confined to extreme southeastern parts. Windy in eastern areas, and cool everywhere. Outlook: mostly cloudy and dry; England and Wales will be brighter on Monday, with some sunshine in the south, but still rather cloudy in the north.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	f	Madrid	16	61	s
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malaga	16	61	c
Algiers	24	75	s	Malta	28	82	s
Amst'dm	12	54	c	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Athens	24	75	f	Miami*	29	84	f
Bahrain	31	88	s	Milan	18	64	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	19	66	s
Barcelna	18	64	f	Moscow	8	46	s
Beirut	26	79	s	Munich	15	59	c
Belgrade	23	73	s	Naples	26	79	s
Berlin	11	52	d	N Delhi	31	88	s
Biarritz	14	57	r	N York*	21	70	s
Bordeaux	12	54	r	Nice	17	63	t
Brussels	13	55	c	Oslo	13	55	f
Budapest	17	63	c	Paris	13	55	c
Cairo	31	88	s	Peking	20	68	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Perth	[illegible]	66	f
Cologne	12	54	c	Prague	11	52	c
C'phagn	13	55	s	Reykjavik	10	50	s
Corfu	24	75	s	Rhodes	26	79	s
Dublin	11	52	c	Riyadh	34	[illegible]	s
Faro	19	66	s	Rome	24	75	f
Florence	20	68	s	S F'risco*	[illegible]	72	s
Frankfurt	12	54	c	Seoul	20	68	s
Funchal	19	66	c	St'kholm	7	45	f
Geneva	14	57	f	Strasb'rg	16	61	f
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Sydney	25	77	f
Helsinki	6	43	c	Tangier	21	70	c
Hong K	28	82	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Istanbul	18	64	f	Tenerife	24	75	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	22	72	c
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Toronto*	16	61	s
Karachi	37	99	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Lisbon	18	64	f	Valencia	21	70	s
Locarno	17	63	c	Venice	18	64	s
London	13	55	c	Vienna	14	57	c
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	11	52	c
Luxembg	10	50	c	Wash'ton*	22	72	c
Luxor	27	81	s	Zurich	11	52	s

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	-	18	64	sunny
Anglesey	-	-	13	55	dull
Aviemore	1.9	-	15	59	cloudy
Belfast	0.1	0.01	14	57	rain
Birmingham	-	-	10	50	dull
Bognor Regis	3.6	-	15	59	bright
Bournemouth	4.2	-	17	63	sunny
Bristol	0.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Buxton	1.1	-	10	50	bright
Cardiff	0.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Clacton	0.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Cromer	-	0.02	11	52	dull
Douglas	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Eastbourne	1.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Edinburgh	5.5	-	16	61	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.4	-	16	61	fog
Exmouth	2.5	-	15	59	bright
Falmouth	4.5	-	18	64	sunny
Folkestone	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Glasgow	6.2	-	15	59	sunny
Guernsey	-	-	15	59	cloudy
Hastings	3.2	-	15	59	bright
Hunstanton	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Jersey	-	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Leeds	6.0	-	14	57	bright
Lerwick	-	0.07	12	54	rain
Littlehampton	3.5	-	15	59	bright
Liverpool	0.5	-	13	55	cloudy
London	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.3	0.01	12	54	drizzle
Manchester	0.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Margate	-	-	13	55	dull
Minehead	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Newcastle	9.6	-	14	57	sunny
Newquay	7.6	-	14	57	sunny
Penzance	9.0	-	16	61	sunny
Plymouth	2.2	-	16	61	cloudy
Poole	3.0	-	16	61	bright
Prestwick	0.1	-	13	55	dull
Salcombe	9.2	-	17	63	sunny
Sandown	1.7	-	14	57	dull
Saunton Snd	1.9	-	13	55	dull
Scarborough	6.2	0.01	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Shanklin	2.0	-	15	59	cloudy
Southend	-	-	14	57	dull
Stornoway	1.0	0.02	14	57	drizzle
Swanage	1.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	6.9	-	15	59	sunny
Tenby	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Tiree	1.3	0.02	14	57	drizzle
Torquay	5.3	-	16	61	sunny
Weymouth	1.8	-	15	59	bright
Wick	1.8	0.01	15	59	rain
Worthing	2.8	-	16	61	bright

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.45	2.25
Austria Sch	18.70	17.20
Belgium Fr	55.00	50.50
Canada $	2.235	2.075
Denmark Kr	10.28	9.450
Finland Mkk	8.98	7.88
France Fr	9.02	8.32
Germany Dm	2.685	2.485
Greece Dr	340.00	316.00
Hong Kong $	13.70	12.70
Ireland Pt	1.005	0.925
Italy Lira	2330.00	2165.00
Japan Yen	204.25	205.25
Netherlands Gld	2.985	2.765
Norway Kr	10.82	10.02
Portugal Esc	235.00	217.00
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.85
Spain Pta	185.90	172.50
Sweden Kr	10.28	9.28
Switzerland Fr	2.345	2.165
Turkey Lira	13200.0	12200.0
USA $	1.79	1.66
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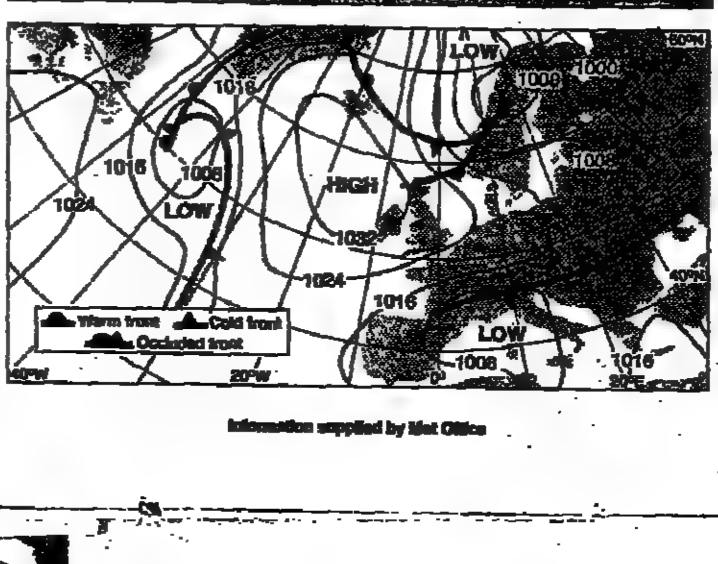

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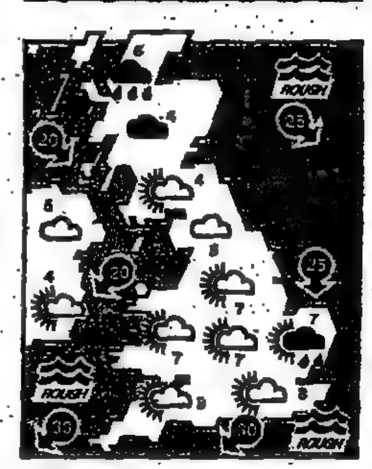

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Bristol 6.28 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 6.24 pm to 7.36 am
Manchester 6.24 pm to 7.29 am
Penzance 6.41 pm to 7.38 am

TODAY
Sun rises: 7.16 am — Sun sets: 6.18 pm
Moon sets: 5.57 am — Moon rises: 6.21 pm
Full moon tomorrow

London 6.16 pm to 7.20 am
Bristol 6.25 pm to 7.29 am
Edinburgh 6.22 pm to 7.38 am
Manchester 6.21 pm to 7.31 am
Penzance 6.39 pm to 7.40 am

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 7.18 am — Sun sets: 6.16 pm
Moon sets: 7.06 am — Moon rises: 5.40 pm
Full moon 7.08pm

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	13	55	f
B'rmgham	12	54	c	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	11	52	f	Jersey	13	55	f
Bristol	12	54	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	12	54	c	M'nchster	11	52	c
Edinburgh	11	52	f	Newcastle	11	52	f
Glasgow	12	54	f	R'naldsway	11	52	s

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Thursday: Highest day temp: Aberdeen, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Cottesmore, Leicestershire, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.27in; highest sunshine: Newcastle, 9.6hr.

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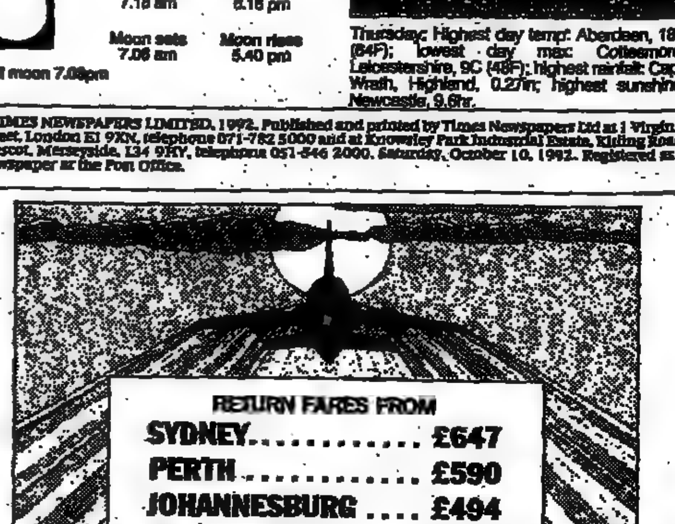

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Profile

Jim Birrell has a reputation for being solid, dependable and cautious, just like the Halifax Building Society of which he is chief executive. But people often underestimate him. He is considered bright and sharp by friends and is prepared to rebel to break the mould, both in his personal life and in running the society ..... Page 19

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Income plans

Elderly people who were sold home income plans and are in financial difficulties face paying thousands of pounds for lawyers and expert witnesses to continue using the industry's arbitration scheme that is meant to be free. Advisers for about 100 clients, including Trevor and Joan Lawrence of Yeovil, Somerset, have abandoned arbitration. They are being forced to serve writs on those who sold the plan so that they can apply for legal aid and hope to be awarded costs ..... Page 23

Make a will

The Law Society's Make a Will week will encourage the seven out of ten people who do not make a will to get round to it. A survey shows that 5,000 people aged 20-30 die every year ..... Page 22

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Fund management groups will be able to take advantage of the passing of the fifth anniversary of the stock market crash to write poor performance out of their five-year figures ..... Page 21

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Gooda Walker report clears Lloyd's of fraud

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

AN INDEPENDENT report into the Gooda Walker losses at Lloyd's blames inadequate internal controls and excessive concentrations of risk for personal losses suffered by 4,000 names on the four main syndicates managed by the firm.

However, the 14-month enquiry by the Gooda Walker loss review committee into the losses has found no evidence of "impropriety of a dishonest nature", or of collusion with brokers in the placing of business with the Gooda Walker syndicates. Lloyd's is also cleared of any failure of its regulatory framework.

The findings of the report will bring huge relief to Lloyd's, where allegations of fraud and insider trading made by loss-making external names have cast a shadow. A number of Conservative MPs who have made losses described the market earlier this year as "riddled with a structural rottenness" that favoured working names at the expense of outsiders.

The Gooda Walker agency was one of the largest players in the Lloyd's excess of loss (LMX) reinsurance market, which was hit in the late 1980s by a series of losses including the Piper Alpha disaster and Hurricane Hugo. Losses suffered by the LMX syndicates 164, 290, 298 and 299 exceed £700 million.

Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, representing about 2,200 names on the syndicates, said that while the report fell short of what it we wanted, it would still be of enormous help to the action group's legal advisers.

The long-awaited findings of the report confirm an earlier investigation into the so-called LMX spiral, carried out by a team led by Sir David Walker, that there is no basis for claims of systematic fraud and insider trading in the market.

A spokesman for Lloyd's said last night that once Sir David's report had drawn a blank "we felt sure that the Gooda Walker committee would find no evidence of systematic fraud, wrongdoing or regulatory failure".

However, the three-volume, 1,500-word report, drawn up by a committee headed by Keiran Poynter, a Price Waterhouse partner, does point to a number of failures by the Gooda Walker agency and Gooda & Partners, its members' agency arm. It concludes that "certain deficiencies" did exist in the agency's internal controls, "and had they not existed, the losses might have been avoided or mitigated". They include:

☐ "Inadequate" planning and control of underwriting. This led to huge exposures to loss being inadequately covered by reinsurance, the report found. Gooda Walker underwriters failed to purchase reinsurance protection because of "their failure to recognise the aggregating potential of the spiral business accepted and their willingness to run a high degree of risk for high profit" for the syndicates. In 1989, syndicates 164, 290 and 298 had a total of $525 million unprotected exposure to a single major loss.

☐ A failure by the managing agency to keep names and their agents fully informed of unfolding losses. In particular, information was available in November 1988 that might have led some names to reconsider participation for 1989, the worst year for losses.

☐ The inability of the Gooda group members' agency to take a fully objective view of the underwriting activities of the Gooda Walker managing agency because of their shared ownership. "This may have caused them to continue to support the Gooda syndicates at a time when other members' agents were withdrawing capacity," the report said.

Although Lloyd's is found to have properly administered the relevant regulatory requirements, the report does make a number of suggestions aimed at preventing similar losses in future. These include providing names with more detailed information on the syndicates they are joining, requiring syndicates to keep more up-to-date records on aggregate exposures and encouraging more reinsurance of catastrophe exposure outside the Lloyd's market.

Attention will now turn to the negotiating table at which underwriters of the errors and omissions (E&O) policy, covering members and managing agencies, are expected to sit down with Gooda Walker names.

TONY WHITE

'Enormous help': Alfred Doll-Steinberg receives news of the report yesterday

City expects rise in sterling to be short-lived

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

UNDERLYING inflation, the central target of the government's new economic policy, rose by an annual 4 per cent in September to fall neatly into the 1-4 per cent range set out on Thursday by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor.

The pound provided more comfort for the government, rising to DM2.5147 at the official 4pm close, up almost three and a half pfennigs from Thursday. Dealers attributed some of the improvement to John Major's speech to the Conservative conference.

But Jim O'Neill, head of currency strategy at Swiss Bank Corp, said sterling had risen "by default", benefitting from the market view that the mark is in retreat. Avinash Persaud, analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the rally above DM2.50 would prove "ephemeral", as the market expects interest rate cuts.

The pound finished up three quarters of a cent at $1.6980 and was 0.8 higher on its trade-weighted index at 82.8. Money market expectations of early easing faded, but three-month rates still indicated slightly below the base rate, currently at 9 per cent.

Central Statistical Office data on the retail price index disappointed the City. They showed a rise of 0.4 per cent last month to an annual 3.6 per cent, unchanged from August. The targeted core RPI measure, which excludes mortgage interest payments, also rose 0.4 per cent during September, but the annual rate slowed from 4.2 per cent in August to 4 per cent last month, the lowest since March 1988. That marked the end of two years with the underlying measure at or below 4 per cent. City economists were disappointed by the headline figure, which had been expected to show further slowing, given the failure of the economy to climb out of recession and continued gloom about the economic outlook.

September saw increases in the price of clothes and some household goods after a prolongued period of price discounts. But seasonal food prices fell 2.8 per cent during the month to stand 9.5 per cent below September last year. Motoring costs were also down. A fall in mortgage interest rates in September last year dropped out of the calculation of the annual change.

James Barty, economist at Morgan Grenfell, said: "The only reason inflation dropped into the target range was the fall in food prices." Although he expects underlying inflation to drop to about an annual 3.5 per cent by December, he foresees inflationary pressure from the devaluation of sterling forcing it back up in the first quarter next year, with the target range overshot by year end.

Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, said: "Britain is at the top of the Chancellor's inflation range while in the depth of recession." He said British inflation last month was higher than in Japan, France and America and that the underlying rate was even higher than in Germany.

Meanwhile, Otmar Issing, a member of the Bundesbank council, was quoted in an American magazine as saying that the bank had given up its goal of holding German money supply growth to 3.5-5.5 per cent this year.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6980 (+0.0075)
German mark
2.5147 (+0.0347)
Exchange index
82.8 (+0.8)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1865.2 (-5.2)
FT-SE 100
2541.2 (+2.4)
New York Dow Jones
3155.77 (-20.27)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
17205.72 (-129.79)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank: 8⅞-8¾%
3-month eligible bills: 8 11/32-8 9/32%
US: Prime Rate: 6%
Federal Funds: 2 25/32%*
3-month Treasury Bills: 2.84-2.83%*
30-year bonds: 96 11/32-96 25/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York
£: $1.6960	£: $1.6920*
£: DM2.5165	$: DM1.4850*
£: SwFr2.2277	$: SwFr1.3138*
£: FFr8.6370	$: FFr5.0355*
£: Yen206.83	$: Yen121.92*
£: Index: 82.8	$: Index: 57.7
ECU: £0.784575	SDR: £0.857264
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London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $349.80 PM $350.10
Close $350.90-351.40
£207.00-207.50
New York
Comex $ 350.15-350.65*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) $20.75/bbl ($20.50)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 139.4 September (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

Trafalgar repels Hongkong Land

BY ANGELA MACKAY

HONGKONG Land's tender offer for 15 per cent of Trafalgar House appeared to have flopped with the property and investment company apparently adding less than 3 per cent to its 14.99 per cent stake bought last week in a share market raid.

It was clear by Thursday that Hongkong Land would not succeed in buying another 15 per cent by tender before the deadline of 4.30pm yesterday, but directors had hoped to at least top up their stake to 20 per cent to enable them to equity account Traflagar House's profits.

After the result is announced on Monday, Hongkong Land will concentrate on obtaining board representation. Trafalgar House, the property, construction and engineering conglomerate, has already said it was making changes to senior management and the board. It is widely expected that Sir Eric Parker, chief executive, will be replaced by Allan Gormly who heads Trafalgar House's engineering division.

As the company's biggest shareholder, Hongkong Land will also try to exert pressure on management to work group assets more efficiently to resuscitate profits. Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House, and Sir Eric have already started a restructuring of the group that is likely to result initially in the sale of the company's hotel interests in the Caribbean and the Ritz Hotel in London's West End.

Hongkong Land offered 85p for ordinary shares in Trafalgar House and 82p for each A ordinary share.

Lucas to delay changes at top

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

A SHAKE-UP at the top at Lucas Industries, one of Britain's largest engineering groups, will require Sir Anthony Gill, the chairman and chief executive, to announce a delay in the long-awaited hand-over to his heir apparent when Lucas announces full-year figures on Monday.

Tony Edwards, who joined Lucas in 1989, had been expected to take over as chief executive at the end of this year, while Sir Anthony was to continue as chairman until the end of 1994, well past the usual retirement age at the company.

But Sir Anthony is expected to surprise the City by announcing that he will continue in the twin roles.

Lucas officials denied any reports of a row between the two men but were refusing to comment further so close to Monday's announcement. However, Mr Edwards is thought to have expected to take over as chief executive in 1993.

The managing director's job is seen as a clear path to the top at Lucas, and Sir Anthony himself filled the post before taking over from Sir Godfrey Messervy in 1987.

The fortunes of Lucas, which lost its finance director in March after a personality clash, are at a delicate stage. Interim profits on Monday are likely to contain significant provisions for restructuring, offset by a pension fund refund of £90 million. Tentative City forecasts are for pre-tax profits in the range of £40 to £50 million, and Lucas is seen as increasingly vulnerable to a takeover bid.

Ford brings in new European chief

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

FORD Motor Company has announced a key shake-up at the top of its European operations. The American car giant gave a warning that it was likely to lose money for the rest of this year and unveiled plans to raise $1 billion in cash.

Mr Jacques Nasser, former head of Ford's Australian operations, has been appointed Ford of Europe chairman and will take immediate charge of the business. He succeeds Mr Lindsey Halstead, who has been with Ford for 40 years and retires in three months.

Ford shares dropped $2.625 to $35 on Wall Street after trading in its stocks was delayed. The price is 28 per cent down so far this year. Ford expects a loss in the third quarter that ended last month, and because of economic uncertainty in Europe and overall weakness of the American market, these losses could extend to the fourth quarter.

Halstead: bowing out

However, Ford said that results for the full year will represent a substantial improvement over the $2.3 billion loss last year. Ford made $840.3 million profit in the first-half of this year. But analysts were already forecasting third-quarter losses of $34 million.

Ford of Europe lost more than $1 billion last year, most of it at Jaguar and Ford of Britain, which has cut its workforce heavily this year.

The plan to raise $1 billion has perplexed analysts, who say that at the end of last June, Ford's car operations had $10 billion in cash and $8.2 billion in debt.

Ford, which raised $2.3 billion last year, says the new cash will be used to accelerate product development. It is raising the money through Merrill Lynch, which is selling preferred shares carrying a fixed dividend but no conversion into Ford ordinary shares.

Ford's announcement pushed the plight of American car makers back into the spotlight. Shares of General Motors, the largest, fell $1 yesterday to $29.125, just $3 off its worst level and down 34 per cent in the past 12 months.

Wall Street expects GM to lose money for the third consecutive year. On Wednesday, the Auto Workers' Union is threatening a strike at a lighting factory that could shut most of GM's North American assembly factories.

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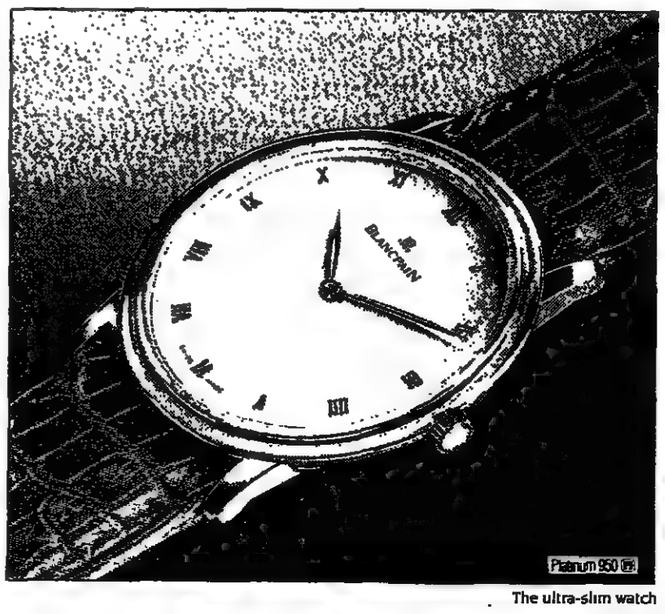

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Standard bubbles with Far Eastern promise

Global business: Rodney Galpin, of Standard Chartered

TALES of imminent bids or hidden value regularly excite Standard Chartered Bank's share price, and a new crop of stories have engrossed market traders this week.

The two main rumours are that the Development Bank of Singapore is poised to buy a 14 per cent stake in the bank from Tan Sri Khoo, the Malaysian businessman, and launch a bid, or that Standard is planning to hive off its successful Far Eastern business.

Neither suggestion bears close examination. Tan Sri Khoo may indeed be keen to sell his stake, but Singapore's local banks are intensely inward-looking and unlikely to take over a global business the size of Standard, which is chaired by Rodney Galpin.

Standard's structure would make it difficult to isolate a single division, and the bank has always believed its strength lies in its wide geographical spread. Nevertheless, the stories were enough to push the bank's shares above 500p on Thursday, and they finished the week at 493p, a gain of 65p.

The other factor behind Standard's popularity is a crop of positive notes from analysts. The bank took a party of analysts and fund managers out to the Far East at the start of October, and they have returned with favourable reports of the business in Singapore and Hong Kong.

But investors should not forget Standard's travails in other parts of the world, particularly Bombay, where a stock market scandal has cost the bank £118 million this year. While the bank assured investors that it has eradicated the chances of similar disasters elsewhere in the world, any business as widespread as Standard's runs high risks.

But assuming the bank manages to avoid any more banana skins, profits could reach £320 million next year, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of less than six. They are well worth picking up once some of the speculative froth dies down.

Lamont

IT HAS not been a good week to be called Lamont, whether you are Chancellor of the Exchequer or a Northern Ireland carpet maker.

While the former's fortunes remain in the balance, the latter's prospects look distinctly threadbare after a set of interim figures that sent the share price diving more than 20 per cent yesterday.

A black hole at Shaw Carpets sent pre-tax profits tumbling from £3.92 million to £2.18 million at the half-way stage.

Shaw, focused on the competitive middle price band, had to cope with a market that fell 20 per cent in volume terms as well as management problems and a product range that is not yet the equal of its hungry competitors. By contrast Northern Ireland Carpets, which sells to the cheapest end of the trade, returned a reasonable profit.

But the intractability of the problems at Shaw led to significant profits downgrades in the City; against an earlier market range of £9-£10 million, Barclays de Zoete Wedd is now forecasting only £7 million.

At 238p, the shares are now 42p below the April rights issue price that funded the purchase of Alexander Drew, while the news there is of difficult trading in the first three months under new ownership.

The interim dividend is held at 3.5p, and on BZW's forecast, earnings per share of 17p for the full year should secure the 12p total, giving the support of a 6.7 per cent yield. But the shares change hands on 14 times' this year's earnings, which looks a bit rich until the outlook improves.

Sears chief joins scaled-down board at Midland Bank

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has scaled down the board of Midland, its new subsidiary, and appointed Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman of Sears, as the new deputy chairman.

Mr Maitland Smith, a director of Midland since 1986, will have to become accustomed to the world of cheques and credit cards from the other side of the till. Sears is one of Midland's most important corporate customers and the two companies have strong links. Baroness O'Cathain, another Midland director and the only woman on the board, is also a director of Sears.

Mr Maitland Smith is replacing Sir Peter Leslie, the chairman of the Commonwealth Development Corporation, who has decided to retire after only a year as deputy chairman. Sir Patrick Meaney, Midland's other deputy chairman, died earlier this year and is not being replaced. Sir Peter Walters is staying as the Midland's chairman.

Midland's board is suffering two other resignations, Jefferson Cunningham, an American consultant to Midland since 1984, and Sir Eric Pountain, the chairman of Tarmac. These come four months after the resignations of Gene Lockhart, the chief executive of UK Banking, and George Loudon, the chief executive of Midland Montagu.

To replace them the bank is apppointing Charles Mackay, chief executive of Inchcape, as a director. Inchcape, with its extensive interests in the Far East, is an old friend of the Hongkong Bank and, until last year, Mr Mackay was the head of the group's operations in the Far East, based in Hong Kong. Mr Mackay is already a non-executive director of HSBC Holdings, the holding company of the Hongkong Bank group.

The other significant board appointment is John Strickland, HSBC's director in charge of technology. He becomes a director in January, but is already deeply involved in the worldwide integration of Midland's computer systems with the rest of the group.

Hongkong Bank places a heavy emphasis on its advanced technology, much of which it has developed in-house at a fraction of the cost of commercial systems.

These changes, combined with earlier resignations will reduce the size of Midland's board from 16 to 12. The total is expected to fall to 11 when Richard Delbridge, Midland's finance director, becomes HSBC's group finance director early next year.

The changes will leave Midland with only two executive directors, Brian Pearse, the chief executive, and Keith Whitson, his deputy, who was appointed by Hongkong Bank earlier this year. From now on, most of the businesses at Midland will be run by senior managers.

Five of the directors on the new board are Hongkong Bank appointees, including William Purves, Hongkong Bank's chairman, and Bernard Asher, chairman of James Capel, who were directors before the bank launched its bid last March.

Different view: Geoffrey Maitland Smith, Midland's new deputy chairman

German surplus reflects slowdown

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

THE German trade surplus jumped sharply in August, according to government figures, but the improvement mainly reflected the domestic economic slowdown that many economists fear could turn into recession.

German industry is fearful that the appreciation of the mark during the currency market turmoil since the summer will make it more difficult to export, while increasing import-penetration. The devaluation of the pound and the lira, in particular, are seen as a threat to German international competitiveness.

The Bonn government has forecast that the economy will grow 2.5 per cent next year, but independent forecasters have revised their expectations down heavily, with many predicting growth well below 1 per cent.

The federal statistics office said that the trade surplus in August was DM5.7 billion, more than four times the July surplus and about twice the surplus in August 1991. This took the cumulative surplus for the first eight months to DM19.7 billion, more than double the surplus for the same period last year.

The current account, which encompasses visible trade and invisibles, such as banking, insurance, shipping and government transfers, continued to show a deficit. But the shortfall narrowed to DM2 billion in August from DM7.8 billion in July. For the first eight months, the current account deficit totalled DM28.4 billion, almost unchanged from last year.

The August trade surplus was achieved in spite of a 19 per cent slump in exports compared with July. Exports were down 5.7 per cent from the previous August. The sluggish state of the world economy, and the depressed state of Germany's European partners in particular, has added to the woes of German exporters, arising from the appreciating mark.

With the domestic economy slowing and eastern Germany failing to take off as had been hoped after unification, imports have fallen away even faster than exports. The August data show a fall of 27 per cent from July and an 11 per cent decline since last August.

The persistent invisibles deficit reflects the strength of the mark too. The return on overseas investment has been steadily reduced, while German spending abroad continued to rise.

Market hopes, fostered by Bundesbank operations in the money market, of an early cut in key German official lending rates started to fade towards the end of the week. Expectations had been raised that the lombard and discount rates would soon follow the fall in money market rates, which have been offically steered to below 9 per cent.

Fraud conviction for former IoM banker

By Our City Staff

THE former managing director of an Isle of Man bank received a suspended jail sentence after being convicted of conspiracy to defraud. Sentencing Robert Killin, 61, the judge said he had based his decision on the stress and length of the investigation and trial.

Manchester Crown Court had heard how a piece of land at Baxenden, Lancashire, was bought for £80,000 and sold the same day for £635,000. Two bankers — one of them Killin — received shares afterwards "for no apparent consideration".

Killin, then managing director of The Savings and Investment Bank, which collapsed ten years ago owing investors £42 million, later sold his shares for more than £20,000, said John Cooper, prosecuting. The land had a "pumped up" value because of a valuation supplied by a surveyor, he added. The Savings and Investment Bank provided the £80,000.

Killin, of Southport, Merseyside, was convicted of conspiring to defraud the shareholders of Pennine Commercial Holdings and given a suspended 12-month jail sentence.

Five other men convicted of fraud in the affair were sentenced last month.

Firstland Group to raise £5m

By Philip Pangalos

FIRSTLAND Group, the USM-quoted oil and gas company, is raising £5.1 million through a placing of shares to buy Gelpack Industrial, an industrial packaging company, for £4.8 million.

Firstland, which is diversifying from oil and gas, unveiled a pre-tax loss of £87,000 (£455,000) in the six months to end-June. Turnover was £201,000 (£233,000).

The loss per share is cut from 2.05p to 0.34p. There is no interim dividend, but the directors plan to recommend a final payment, in mid-1993, for the year to end-December, 1992.

BA and USAir talks piloted by officials

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Moss: tough talker

THE success of the proposed $750 million British Airways investment in USAir last night hung on the outcome of a "who blinks first" confrontation between British and American civil servants.

British negotiators, led by David Moss, transportation under secretary, appeared to gain the initiative in talks in Washington, during which they promised to allow American airlines greater access to British markets — provided the US government fully approved the planned deal between BA and USAir.

Backed by BA advisers, they claimed that the proposals were not negotiable and that if turned down the BA deal would be withdrawn. BA let it be known that if the British government allowed American carriers greater access to its "home" market, then the price it was prepared to pay to rescue USAir would be too high and it would be forced to withdraw the offer.

The "big three" American carriers — United, American and Delta — said that the British offer was insufficient to justify the deal.

British negotiators stunned their American counterparts by an apparently dramatic move towards liberalisation. Any route between any American city and a British regional airport would be made freely available at fares that were virtually unfettered by any government interference, they said. Mr Moss then added that "of course" new carriers that had just opened up such a route would have to be protected, under existing bi-lateral agreements for three years and this just happened to apply to BA.

The British team then said that, in a second phase towards complete liberalisation of air services, it would allow American airlines the right to fly from Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted to wherever they chose in America, provided it was not to a main "hub" airport dominated by one carrier. The sting in the tail came when the team insisted that this would not be allowed until the American government lifted its existing rules on foreign airlines holding stakes in US carriers.

The American negotiators did not respond but their main airlines balked and argued that they must be allowed unfettered rights into Britain if the BA/USAir deal was to proceed.

Finally, Britain said that it would scrap all existing restrictions once the US government agreed to allow foreign airlines to take a controlling stake in its domestic carriers.

It is now clear that the planned "take over" of USAir by BA is inextricably linked to bi-lateral inter-governmental negotiations. The talks resume in London this month.

GOVERNMENT securities continued to make headway, encouraged by another resilient performance by the pound. Dealers reported persistent buying by continental investors, despite disappointing inflation figures and an apparent lack of City enthusiasm for the prime minister's speech at Brighton.

The Bank of England is hoping to tap recent support for the shorter end of the market by issuing £800 million of existing Treasury 8¾ per cent 1997. The stock will be designated "E".

The long end attracted most support yesterday, after a period of underperformance. Sentiment has been improved by the pound's recent strength and government resolve to reduce inflation. Treasury 12½ per cent 2003/05 rose 13 ticks to £120⁹⁄₁₆: in shorts, Conversion 10 per cent 1996 were one tick better at £105½.

1992 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
98[illegible]	95[illegible]	Fund 6% 1993	98[illegible]	...	6.08	7.34
100	97[illegible]	Treas 8¼% 1993	99[illegible]	...	8.25	8.14
101	99[illegible]	Treas 10% 1993	100[illegible]xd	...	9.90	8.11
103[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 12½% 1993	103[illegible]	...	12.10	7.88
106[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 13¾% 1993	106[illegible]	...	12.96	7.83
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101[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	101[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.85	8.08
103[illegible]	98[illegible]	Treas 10% 1994	103[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.70	7.96
107[illegible]	103[illegible]	Exch 12½% 1994	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	11.62	8.03
107[illegible]	103[illegible]	Exch 13½% 1994	107[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	12.51	8.01
109[illegible]	104[illegible]	Treas 14½% 1994	108[illegible]	+ [illegible]	13.38	8.08
94[illegible]	88[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	92 †	...	3.26	6.07
105[illegible]	99[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.78	8.19
107[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	107[illegible]	+ [illegible]	11.13	8.18
112[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	112 †	+ [illegible]	11.38	8.30
101[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 9% 1992-96	101[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.88	8.54
105[illegible]	98[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	105[illegible]xd	+ [illegible]	9.48	8.30
114[illegible]	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	114[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	11.60	8.60
115[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	115[illegible]	+ [illegible]	12.13	8.51
120[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	120[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	12.68	8.58
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102	94	Treas 8¾% 1997	101[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.59	8.30
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96[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	7.16	8.07
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114[illegible]	107[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	114[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.49	8.89
130[illegible]	123[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	129[illegible]	+ [illegible]	11.98	9.02
104[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	104[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.11	8.60
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108[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	108[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.67	8.75
117	109[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	116[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.53	8.98
102[illegible]	94[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	102[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.82	8.61
121[illegible]	114[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	121[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.73	9.11
106[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	106[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.39	8.86
121[illegible]	115[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	121[illegible]	+ [illegible]	11.53	9.08

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105[illegible]	98[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	+ [illegible]	[illegible]	8.98
107[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.44	9.12
69[illegible]	59[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	+ [illegible]	5.19	7.76
104[illegible]	96[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	102[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	9.31	9.20
113[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.17	9.21
104[illegible]	96[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	102 †	+ [illegible]	[illegible]	9.22
124[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.41	9.51
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
98[illegible]	85[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	90	+ [illegible]	8.89	9.29
97[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.05	9.25
118[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114[illegible]	+ [illegible]	10.23	9.45
103[illegible]	95[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	98 †	+ [illegible]	9.18	9.24
132[illegible]	123[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127[illegible]xd	+ [illegible]	10.59	9.51
98[illegible]	85[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	89[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.98	9.26
102[illegible]	93[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	97[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.24	9.28
71[illegible]	62[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	66[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.22	9.13
91[illegible]	81[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	85[illegible]	+ [illegible]	[illegible]	9.25
130[illegible]	118[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	122[illegible]	+ [illegible]	9.80	9.50
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63[illegible]	59	Conv 3½%	60[illegible]	+ [illegible]	5.77	...
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138[illegible]	126[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	137[illegible]	...	3.94	4.13
145[illegible]	129[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	142[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.95	4.13
117[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	117[illegible]	...	3.97	4.13
129[illegible]	112[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	125[illegible]	...	3.97	4.13
120[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	120[illegible] †	+ [illegible]	3.97	4.10
100[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	100[illegible]	...	3.94	4.07

Cannon fined £50,000 for rule breaches

CANNON Assurance has been fined £50,000 and has paid substantial costs after admitting three charges of misconduct. The sanctions were imposed by its regulator, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro). The charges related to the activities of one of Cannon's tied agents in the two years to June 1991 and those of staff at the company's Cardiff branch office before August 1990.

The company, which was once the UK arm of Bernie Cornfeld's Investors Overseas Services empire, admitted that investors had been put in danger of being sold inappropriate investments or of having existing ones cancelled against their interests. Lautro accepted that Cannon had taken steps to ensure that no investor suffered any loss. Since the rule breaches, Cannon has severed its relationship with the tied agent and the Cardiff branch management has changed.

Johnston in the red

REDUCED demand and tighter margins effectively wiped out operating profit at Johnston Group, the civil and mechanical engineer, leaving a pre-tax loss after interest costs in the half-year to end-June of £765,000 against profits of £1.25 million last time. The shares tumbled 15p to 119p on the news. The dividend is halved to 2.25p. Graham Johnston, the chairman, said in addition to the difficulties in the British construction market, contracting and construction in the Caribbean had been hit by delays in starting new projects. The outlook for the rest of the year did not indicate much evidence of recovery, he added.

Steak House trims loss

ABERDEEN Steak Houses Group managed to trim first-half losses, but the USM-quoted restaurant chain remained in the red as the recession continued to bite. Pre-tax losses in the 26-week period to end-June decreased to £408,000, against a taxable deficit of £629,000 in the comparative period. Turnover edged up 1 per cent to £5.78 million. Ali Salih, the chairman, hopes that sterling's devaluation will work in the company's favour, with more tourists being attracted to Britain by the reduction in holiday costs. There was an exceptional debit of £19,000. The loss per share was static at 3p. Once again, there is no interim dividend.

Trace bounces back

THE recovery continued at Trace Computers, as cost reductions helped the computer software group report pre-tax profits of £502,000 in the year to end-May, against a loss of £471,000 last time. Turnover dipped to £19.3 million, against £19.7 million previously. The company said its core businesses of systems for insurance broking, property, distribution, stockbroking and bespoke software achieved good performances despite difficult trading conditions. Earnings stood at 2.94p a share, against a deficit of 1.98p a share last time. The final dividend is being maintained at 0.9p a share, giving an unchanged total of 1.45p for the year.

Jobless rise feared

NORTHERN Ireland's economy is set to face one of its most difficult periods, according to the annual report of the economic council there. Professor Colin Campbell, council chairman, said unemployment would continue to rise. "Since Northern Ireland usually lags behind the recovery in the UK this does not bode well for the local economy," he said. The council, an independent advisory body set up by the government, said it was deeply concerned about anticipated expenditure cuts for the next financial year. The report said that Northern Ireland's economy was now perhaps more subject to forces largely beyond its control than in the past.

Amgold lifts payout

ANGLO American Gold Investment (Amgold), which has interests in a clutch of South African gold mining companies, is raising its 1992 interim dividend from 475 cents to 525 cents after investment income in the six months to September 30 advanced to R127.2 million (£24.4 million), compared with R109.3 million last time. Anglo American Investment Trust (Anamint), which essentially draws its income from holdings of shares in De Beers, is maintaining its 1992 interim dividend at 72 cents a share. Attributable earnings in the six months to September were R73.2 million (R71.9 million).

Ulster TV ahead

AN INCREASE of 16.6 per cent in advertising revenue, the largest by any independent television company in the comparable period, sent pre-tax profits from Ulster Television ahead from £134,000 to £1.79 million in the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is raised by 1p to 4.25p. John McGuckian, the chairman of Ulster Television, said the second half had started strongly but that the final quarter would be adversely affected by the uncertainty in the British economy. Even so, the year's revenue increase should be ahead of the industry average, he added. The shares were unchanged at 268p.

Cohen cuts dividend

A COHEN, a maker of non-ferrous metal ingots, is reducing its 1992 interim dividend from 6.6p to 3.4p "in the interests of financial prudence". Pre-tax profits in the six months to June 30 fell from £555,000 to £496,000 on a turnover of £38.1 million (£41.2 million). The group says there was an improvement in some of its business sectors, but conditions in others were worse. An end to the recession is not yet apparent, Cohen says, and further cost reductions now being made will not make an impact until next year. The ordinary and non-voting A shares were unchanged at 310p and 270p, respectively.

BUSINESS PROFILE: **Jim Birrell**

Loyalty the key for head of the house of Halifax

The Yorkshireman at the helm of the biggest building society is not to be underestimated, writes **Carol Leonard**

Whether his close set eyes, aquiline nose and soft Yorkshire accent are contributory factors is not quite clear, but Jim Birrell, the chief executive of the Halifax Building Society, is fully aware of the fact that people are inclined to underestimate him. Birrell, 59, and due to retire next August, has a reputation for being solid, dependable and cautious, and in all of those traits he and the building society are at one. In fact, Jim Birrell and the Halifax Building Society go hand in hand to such an extent that Birrell is known to take personal offence if ever the society is criticised. He wants to be liked but, in the same breath, he wants you to like his building society too. The degree to which the Halifax can be justifiably criticised, beyond superficial gripes, is, it has to be said, limited. It is, after all, the biggest building society in the world and as successful as it is large. Its asset base is worth something in the region of £60 billion, it is a trusted depository for the savings of 15 million customers and, with its other corporate hand, it caters for 1.8 million borrowers, providing 20 per cent of mortgages. As Birrell puts it so succinctly: "They might not respect the man, but they have to respect the office."

So what are the implied complaints against Birrell, mostly uttered in sheepish manner behind his back? Mention his name, and some observers roll their eyes, smile knowingly, allude to his predictable nature, to the absence of any clever, innovative schemes generated by him, and attempt to steer you in the direction of other, more flamboyant — and therefore, they claim, far more interesting — building society chiefs. But Birrell, given the size of his command, if nothing else, deserves an independent hearing.

Unerringly direct, with constant eye-to-eye contact, Birrell, who earned £200,000 last year, would be the first to agree that he has never felt the need to devise short-lived, high-profile, publicity-grabbing schemes. Both he and the Halifax are novelty shy. Given his desire for popularity, he would also probably agree that he dislikes having to deal with unpalatable managerial situations. He is essentially an extremely nice man. At the Building Societies Association Conference this year he looked visibly pained when he had to face his industry colleagues after publicly stating that the big societies would not automatically step in to rescue the smaller societies, if those smaller societies found themselves in difficulty by virtue of their own reckless behaviour. Yet Birrell said what needed to be said. He might not like doing it, but he will bite the bullet nevertheless.

Chris Sharp, managing director of Northern Rock Building Society, and cited by Birrell as one of his closest friends, says: "He is certainly not one of your Mr Flashes, here today and gone tomorrow, leaving a trail of compensation claims and bad debts. He has an air of quiet tranquility and yes, there is a risk that people underestimate him. I would certainly never treat him as lightly as some of the comments made by other people. If he chose to — and if it became Halifax policy — he could blow many of us away." Sharp's comments hint at an area of serious concern within the industry: the selection, or lack of it, of Birrell's successor. Birrell, in common with his two predecessors, was an internal candidate, ear-marked for stardom almost as soon as he joined the society, 24 years ago, as a chartered accountant. To the outside world, his fate appeared to be sealed in 1986 when he was dispatched to Harvard on an advanced management training programme. He was duly appointed chief executive two years later. But there has been no such obvious grooming this time round. Although there are said to be two possible internal runners, neither is a favourite and the Halifax has now admitted that it may be forced to break with tradition and look elsewhere. The concern caused by such uncertainty is understandable, given the repercussions any change of policy within the Halifax could have on the industry at large. A more aggressive leader could, as Sharp points out, endanger the existence of its smaller brethren.

> 'My heroes were Gladstone rather than Disraeli, Cromwell rather than the King'

Those who dismiss Birrell's achievements so thoughtlessly might then be the first to rue his departure. One senior industry source, who asked not to be identified, wryly observed: "The Halifax has been very successful and someone must be responsible for that, and that someone is Jim Birrell. They are going to have a problem replacing him, in more ways than one."

Birrell might wince as he reads some of the above but he would not take issue. He takes enormous pride in the fact that he works for the biggest and most prestigious employer in his native Yorkshire. "Yes, of course it gives me pleasure, and yes, just occasionally I am amazed to think that I'm the chief executive," he says. "I was never one of those who felt I had the field marshall's baton in my nap sack." If pushed, he will perhaps agree that he no longer enjoys his job as much as he once did. The building society world has changed. The comfortable days of the cartel are long gone, competition has increased, and the housing market is, he says, "in the longest and deepest recession I have seen in my entire career". To add to those pressures, Birrell, a devoted family man, with a £250,000 four-bedroomed chalet bungalow in Halifax — "I'd be surprised if I got £200,000 for it now" — has to spend at least half the week living in a company flat in St James's, London, away from his wife Margaret and two daughters. His wife complains that she never sees him and at one official function was heard to say: "I'll be glad when all this is over."

Birrell vividly recalls the good old days. When he joined the society in 1968, it had assets of £1.3 billion. "It was virtually a two product company, one for savings and investment and one for mortgages," he says. "Our pricing was fixed by the BSA in London and we didn't have any real competition. We rationed mortgages on what seemed to be a fair social basis, the vast majority of our staff had been with us all their working lives and the atmosphere of the organisation was to be good not clever." Compare that to the huge array of financial services now available, the facilities for unsecured borrowing, the countless plastic cards, the fierce competition and the fact that pricing is fixed by market forces, and it is easy to see why Birrell was tailor-made for the Halifax of old.

Yet, at the same time, according to those who know him well, he was not so conservative as to feel no disappointment when, shortly after his appointment as chief executive, the non-executive directors of the Halifax effectively shelved plans for the society to forgo its mutual status. But he is so philosophical and protective of his charge that you would never guess that those had ever been his sentiments. "Mutual status does provide us with legal and structural benefits in a business sense," he says. "We are not subjected to takeover pressures and, therefore, provided we can grow our business and do not need the extra capital we could get from issuing shares, we do not need the cost or the extra pressure of being public. I do not regret that decision." Birrell is nothing if not loyal and he regards loyalty as an important quality. As a schoolboy at Bradford Grammar, he laboured under the disadvantage of having a father who was a master there and says: "It taught me loyalty because even at that early age, when your pals were telling tales about the master, you had to decide whose side you were on. I was on my father's side." The second of three children, he was, he says, "always looked upon as more serious than my older brother". But because of his height — he stood 6ft 1in tall at 13 — he also often got into fights. "There was a certain amount of gang warfare in the playground and I was a bit of a gang leader. I was the champion of our group."

Birrell, a street fighter? It does not fit his popular image. He also longed to be an international cricketer, failing that, a sports journalist, and, although not a natural ball player, he enjoyed playing rugby. "My ability was born of size and aggression, not of basic skill." Birrell, as an agressive, physical sportsman? This too is unexpected. And then he reveals that because both his parents were teachers — his mother graduated from Manchester University just after the first world war — and expected him to go to university and then become a teacher too, he rebelled. "I wanted to break that mould," he says. Birrell the rebel? Surely this cannot be true.

The scholastic atmosphere of his home meant that Birrell was instead intrigued by an uncle, a successful accountant who drove a Daimler. "Yes, both my parents were very disappointed." Curiously, Birrell now drives a Jaguar, and, when asked what he does for a living, he often tells people that he too is an accountant.

And yet, in the next breath he says that next year, when he has retired, he might finally fulfill his parents' ambitions by doing an Open University degree course, but in general arts, not an MBA. Talk to him then about politics and he will tell you that while he voted Conservative at the last election, he has been known to vote Labour. "My heroes were Gladstone rather than Diraeli, Cromwell rather than the King." Comments such as these from a conservative, cautious man? There is, it seems, more to Birrell than meets the eye.

One of the few things that can make him lose his temper, is, he says, intellectual intolerence — "People trying to talk down to you" — and the plane journey home after his 17 week spell at Harvard seems to have left a lasting impression. "I was sat in a British Airways first class section and I could hear people establishing hierarchies by voice — British upper class voices." That comment tells you a lot about what Birrell stands for, and you begin to understand why he has hung on so doggedly to his Yorkshire accent, despite a variety of external influences. You also begin to wonder if he is something of a wolf in sheep's clothing, aware that people underestimate him and content to take full advantage of the opportunities that that provides.

John Bayliss, deputy chairman of the Abbey National, would support such a theory and also makes the observation that just as Birrell is underestimated, "so too is he under-appreciated within the Halifax itself". Beneath that likeable but deceptive cover, he is, Bayliss says, "very bright and very sharp".

Sharp obviously agrees. "If you were to walk past him in the street, you might think that he was anything from a local government clerk to something more senior in finance," he says.

"But in order to get to grips with the qualities he has, you have to sit down and talk to him, spend time with him, he is not easy to get to know. Once you understand how he operates you would never underestimate either the Halifax or the man."

JUSTIN SLEE

Tea for two: Jim Birrell finds time away from the company flat in London to relax with his wife Margaret at their home in Halifax

WEEK ENDING **Matthew Bond**

The ghosts of glories past exorcise their right to haunt troubled heirs

Lady Thatcher, we learn, regards the Maastricht treaty as a "vision of yesterday". The prime minister undoubtedly wishes his predecessor was too. One way or another, this has been a week of back to the future.

The roll-call is eloquent testimony. Thatcher? Here. Lawson? Here. Tebbit? 'Ere. Whitelaw? Here. All present and politically incorrect — and revelling in the opportunity to give at least one more outing to their shared but often differing rememberances of things past.

But it was not just old political heavyweights that were grabbing the headlines from their unfortunate successors. In the City, those two old stagers, Hanson & White, turned their back on nineties' niceties, like developing their existing businesses, and launched a good old-fashioned smash and grab raid for those owned by Ranks Hovis McDougall. Never mind organic growth, just feel the self-raising earnings.

Nor could the noble Hanson peers be doing with any of those new fangled debt instruments or cumulative, convertible whatsits. The offer was £780 million. Cash.

Busy too were those gallant knights astride Trafalgar House, another of the City's old warhorses. Their best battles may be behind them, but neither Sir Nigel Broackes nor Sir Eric Parker looked eager to accept Hongkong Land's implicit invitation to hang up their spurs. Nevertheless, with the Chinese government describing Chris Patten's modest democratic reforms for Hong Kong as "irresponsible and imprudent", it was hard to see the family Keswick retreating for long. From Trafalgar House that is.

The stock market too was happy to indulge in this bout of nostalgia, and duly conjured up a 103-point fall in the Footsie, the like of which had not been seen since good old 1987. The cause of the crash was blamed by some on the vacuum that filled the space normally occupied by economic policy. Others pointed out that the not-so-mini crash coincided with the serialisation of Nigel Lawson's memoirs. Mr Lawson may be gone, they said, but he is clearly not forgiven.

As to the veracity of Mr Lawson's account, let us simply say that "I do not fully recognise this version of events" is fast becoming to 1992 what "economical with the truth" was to 1986.

But whatever the cause of the stock market slump and the corresponding falls in the currency markets, the prime minister responded in the time-honoured Corporal Jones/James Callaghan tradition. For this prime minister, however, being the man he is, "Don't panic!" was never going to be sufficient. Cornered as he arrived in Brighton for the party conference (he was yet to discover how cornered) he responded with characteristic fervour: "These things happen from time to time. I don't think people should get unduly panicked about it." Phew, that's a relief. But I'd still be careful getting off planes from the Caribbean this winter, prime minister.

Back in the City, the Hanson bid for RHM took an unexpected turn, away from the tried and well-tested script for hostile bids. All the initial signs had been encouraging, with the RHM board indignantly urging their shareholders to take no action in response to the Hanson terms.

But less than 24 hours later — when convention has it that the camps are at each other throats — the two sides were locked in a cosy chin-wag, having what both described as a "useful exchange of ideas". Corporate nostalgia clearly is not what it used to be.

In Brighton, of course, ideas were being exchanged freely, although quite how usefully it was difficult to say. Mr Major was mugged in quick succession, first by Mr Tebbit, who said a lot, and then by Mrs Thatcher, who did not. How Mr Major must have envied Boris Yeltsin who had not only confined Mikhail Gorbachev to barracks but evicted his predecessor's think tank from its offices. The barricades are going up in Chester Square already.

But it was Mr Lamont that the City came to hear, and hear they did — the same thing, over and over and over again. For as far as his audience could hear, Mr Lamont was trapped not so much by echoes of the past, as by a simple echo. If he mentioned the word "inflation" once, he mentioned it 17 times. And the battle against it, he stressed 17 times, goes on. . .and on. . .and on.

God help the windmills if Mr Lamont should tilt at them. For this is a man whose nostrils do not recognise the scent of victory, whose eyes are blind to the white flags in front of them, whose ears are deaf to plaintive calls of "no more, no more". But like a man possessed — repossessed perhaps — the Chancellor battles on. Inflation will be between 1-4 per cent a year in his political lifetime (what about next week?) and no more than 2 per cent in the longer term. The mysterious underlying rate would be 4 per cent or less, he said with the confidence of a man who had seen the figures already. And house prices would be monitored to give a wider measure of inflationary pressures.

Mr Lamont may have seen the inflation statistics but he had not seen the Halifax house price index, which showed house prices falling by 3.1 per cent in September alone and by 7.5 per cent in a year. Now, Mr Lamont, compare this to your underlying inflation index, which rose by only 0.4 per cent in September and (surprise, surprise) by 4 per cent in a year. The battle is over, Mr Lamont. Isn't it time for the peace to begin?

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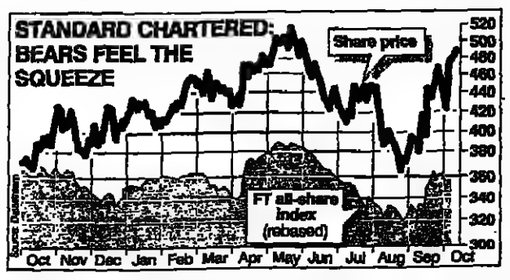
Share prices fight their way back

THE stock market has had a volatile week. The FT-SE 100 index moved more than 200 points, but closed yesterday on a subdued note, just 8.5 below Monday's opening level.

Share prices have spent much of the past few days clawing back Monday's 103-point loss — the biggest one-day fall since the October 1987 crash. The fall stemmed from the pound's continuing weakness against its main rivals and the confusion generated by the government's apparent lack of economic policy. But a change of fortune for sterling towards the end of the week and the hope of cuts in both British and German interest rates, enabled the equity market to recover.

The FT-SE 100 index ended the session yesterday 2.4 points higher at 2,541.2 after thin trading. Only 484 million shares changed hands.

The market had started on a firm note, dragged higher by the pound and the futures market, and by mid-morning the FT-SE 100 was sporting a rise of 28 points. But the early pace proved too much for most investors, who expressed disappointment at the latest inflation figures. Financial futures came off the boil, which encouraged market-makers to shut down their positions ahead of the weekend.



Forte, Britain's biggest hotelier, was a dull market, falling 5p to 154p after Panmure Gordon, the stockbroker, said a dividend cut might be on the way because of the effects of recession on profits. Panmure reckons investors should take advantage of the recent rally in the shares and sell.

Owners Abroad, the package tour travel business, enjoyed another burst of speculative buying. The price touched 82p before subsiding to 73p, still 4p ahead, amid claims that LTU, a German holiday group, was poised to make a bid. LTU bought the Thomas Cook travel business from Midland Bank this year. On Monday, Owners Abroad said it had received a tentative approach from an unnamed company last month but nothing had come of talks. Whispers in the market suggest that the approach came from Airtours, the high-flying package holiday group, 1p down at 236p.

Standard Chartered, the international banking group, came within a whisker of £5: the shares touched 498p before settling at 493p, a rise of 12p on the day. Dealers claim the rise was prompted by talk of a bid from the Development Bank of Singapore.

Standard was the target of an abortive bid by Lloyds Bank in May 1986. It has been the subject of bid speculation periodically ever since. At the last count, the Malaysian businessman Tan Sri Khoo owned 14 per cent of the shares.

Brokers are sceptical about another bid. They said the rise in the share price had been prompted by short positions among market-makers after publication this week of bullish recommendations from BZW, Goldman Sachs and Warburg Securities.

Other banks saw early leads whittled away. **Barclays** touched 349p before closing 2p cheaper at 340p; **HSBC** rose 6p to 419p; **Lloyds** finished 1p firmer at 446p, after 453p; **National Westminster** eased 2p to 346p, after 357p; **TSB Group** firmed 2p to 130p; **Abbey National** slipped 1p to 308p, after 315p; and Grand Metropolitan's share price fell by 11p to 380p. Depressed prices for fresh produce are reckoned to be hurting profits at the company's Green Giant subsidiary.

Royal Bank of Scotland hardened 1p to 152p.

The revival in the **Tate & Lyle** share price that followed a meeting with analysts on Thursday proved short-lived. The price fell 6p to 341p after Cazenove, the stockbroker, cut its profits forecast. Smith New Court is also urging clients to sell into any strength.

Inchcape, the international trading group, rose 7p to 488p after publication of a review of the company by Smith New Court. The study reveals that at least 40 per cent of group profits accrue from countries with gross domestic product growth of more than 5 per cent a year.

British Gas firmed 2½p to 251p, helped by a buy recommendation from Hoare Govett, the stockbroker. The shares are due to go ex-dividend next Friday and currently yield 3½ per cent. Hoare says they are still attractive to income funds.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Glittering rises

Who are Britain's highest paid directors? And which of them are worth it? In an exclusive, wide-ranging survey, The Sunday Times compares top salaries with company performance

Business Focus — The Sunday Times tomorrow

New York — Wall Street share prices moved lower after trading opened but were off the worst levels towards the end of the morning. The market was influenced by weak bond prices and concern that the Federal Reserve might not lower rates in the near future.

"Stocks have just fallen on the Fed's failure to follow through on a rate cut," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice-president at Reich and Co. "The feeling is now that the Fed is unlikely to lower rates before the November 3 election." By late morning, the Dow Jones industrial average was off 16.48 points at 3,159.55.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Renewed worries about low profit prospects in Germany's key automotive and chemical sectors weighed on the market. The Dax index ended 11.46 points lower at 1,439.66.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Rumours that a Sino-American trade dispute could soon be resolved boosted share prices shortly before the morning close. The Hang Seng index ended the short week 41.18 points up at 5,596.71. *(Reuter)*

Options dent the Nikkei

Tokyo — Shares ended lower in sluggish trade. Programme-linked selling related to settlement of October options exerted downward pressure on the market but public fund-buying helped to check losses. "Considering it is options settlement day, turnover appears to be rather small," a broker said. "People retreated to the sidelines." The Nikkei index fell by 275.73 points to 17,059.78, with 480 million shares traded. *(Reuter)*

RISES:

Standard Chart	493p (+12p)
Allied Lyons	608p (+11p)
Manpower	825p (+25p)
Liberty	458p (+10p)
WH Smith 'A'	432p (+10p)
MAM	309p (+18p)
Jardine Math	389p (+12p)
Reckitt Colman	613p (+10p)
Legal & General	347p (+14p)
BAA	721p (+11p)
Powell Duffryn	357p (+18p)

FALLS:

Takeda Chem	577p (-15p)
Grand Met	380p (-11p)
RMC Group	386p (-11p)
Redland	331p (-10p)
Rugby Group	188p (-15p)
Elec Data Proc	465p (-18p)
Bowater	820p (-20p)
Johnston	120p (-14p)

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Chubb Security	186	+2
European Smaller Co's	81	...
-do- Smaller Co's Wts	19	-1
Shirescot	96	...
Shirescot Warrants	19	...
Tepnel Diagnostics (120)	162	-7

RIGHTS ISSUES

Aviva Petroleum n/p (27)	2½	-½
EIT Group n/p (17)	½	...

	Oct 9 midday	Oct 8 close
AMP Inc	59½	60
AMR Corp	56½	57½
Abbott Labs	28½	28½
Aetna Life	41½	42
Alexander (EB)	13½	13½
Air Prod & Chem	43	43½
Albertson's	43½	43½
Alcoa Aluminum	16	16
Alex Brockland	35½	35½
Allied Signal	31½	31½
Allum Co of Am	64½	64½
Amax	16½	16½
Amerada Hess	46½	46½
Amer Brands	44½	44½
Amer Cyanamid	54½	54½
Amer El Power	32½	32½
Amer Express	30½	30½
Amer Genl Corp	46½	46
Amer Home Pr	65½	65½
Amer Intl	100½	100
Amer Stores	39½	40½
Amer T & T	42	41½
Ameritech	65½	66
Amoco	50½	50½
Anheuser-Busch	54½	55
Apple Computer	43½	43½
Archer Daniels	25½	25½
Arkla	9½	10½
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrong Wrld	26½	26
Asarco	22½	22½
Ashland Oil	25½	26½
Atl Richfield	116	116½
Auto Data Pro	46½	46½
Avery Dennison	25½	25½
Avon Products	54½	54½
Baker Hughes	23	23½
Baltim Gas & El	22½	22½
Banc One	44	44
Bankamerica	41½	43½
Bank of NY	43½	43½
Bankers Tr NY	65½	62½
Barnett Banks	30½	30½
Bausch & Lomb	31½	31½
Baxter Intl	33½	33½
Becto Dickson	74½	75
Bell Atlantic	46½	46½
BellSouth	51½	51½
Black & Decker	15½	15½
Block (HAR)	33½	33½
Boeing	38½	38½
Boise Cascade	17½	17½
Borden Inc	23½	26½
Bristol Myrs Sq	83½	83
Brunswick Corp	21	20½
Burlington Nthn	38½	38½
CBS	212½	214
CNA Financial	65½	64½
CPC Intl	49½	49½
CSX	35½	35½
Campbell Soup	41½	41½
Can Pacific	12½	12½
Cpd Cities ABC	428	430
Cpd Holdings	61½	61½
Carolina Pwr	31½	31½
Caterpillar	49½	49½
Central & SW	28½	28½
Champion Intl	24½	24½
Chase Manhat	31	31
Chemical Bk	31½	31½
Chevron Corp	73½	73½
Chrysler	23	22½
Chubb Corp	65½	65½
Cigna Corp	33	33½
Citicorp	14½	14½
Clorox	41½	41
Coastal Corp	28	28½
Coca Cola	37½	37½
Colgate-Palmolive	77½	78½
Columbia Gas	19½	19½
Commonw Ed	22½	22
Compaq Comp	36	36½
Comp Sci Inf	18½	18½
Conagra	30½	30½
Cons Edison	30½	30½
Cons Nat Gas	44½	45
Cons Rail	37½	38½
Cooper Inds	51	51½
Corning Inc	38½	39½
Crown Cork	30½	30½
Dana Corp	30½	31½
Dayton Hudson	70½	70
Deere	40½	40½
Delta Air Lines	55½	56½
Deluxe Corp	40½	41
Detroit Edison	21½	21½
Digital Equip	36½	37½
Disney (Wlt)	34½	37
Dominion Res	37½	38½
Donelley (RR)	28½	28½
Dover Corp	42½	42½
Dow Chemical	54½	55½
Dow Jones	28½	28½
Dresser	18½	18½
Duke Power	28½	28½
Dun & Bradstreet	59½	61½
Du Pont	46½	46½
Eastman Kodak	42½	42½
Eaton Corp	75½	76½

	Oct 9 midday	Oct 8 close
Emerson Elec	52	52½
Engelhard Corp	33	33½
Enron Corp	46½	47
Entergy Corp	30½	31½
Ethyl Corp	20½	20½
Exxon	65	65½
FMC Corp	45½	45½
FPL Group	35½	35½
Federal Express	37½	38½
Fed Nat Mtge	63	64½
First Chicago	33½	33½
First Interstate	33½	33½
First Union Rlty	8½	8½
First Fed Corp	25½	25½
Fluor Corp	42½	42½
Ford Motor	34½	35½
GEI Corp	33½	33½
Gannett	45½	45½
Gap Inc Del	28½	28½
Gen Cinema	26½	26½
Gen Dynamics	53½	52½
Gen Electric	75	75½
Gen Mills	63½	63½
Gen Motors	29	30
Gen Instrument	17½	18½
Gen Signal	53½	54
Genuine Parts	32½	32½
Georgia Pac	30	30½
Gillette	57	57
Glaxo ADR	26½	26½
Goodrich (BF)	40½	41½
Goodyear Tire	60½	62½
Grace (WR)	34½	35½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	21½	22½
Great Wstn Fin	18½	19½
Guilford Mills	35½	35½
Halon (SH)	38½	37½
Harcoor	30½	30½
Harlley Davdn	45½	44½
Hewlett Packard	52	52½
Hilton Hotels	43	44
Home Depot	53½	53½
Homestake	13½	13½
Honeywell	63	63½
Household Intl	40½	40½
Houston Ind	40½	41½
Humana	22	22
ITT Corp	64½	65
Illinois Tool	65½	65½
INCO	22½	22½
Ingersoll Rand	27½	27½
Inland Steel	30½	30½
Intel Corp	66½	66½
IBM	79½	79½
Intl Flav & Fr	102½	102½
Intl Paper	60½	61½
Iowa Illnois Gas	17½	17½
Jones & Jhnsn	47	47
K Mart	24½	25½
Kellogg	66½	66½
Kerr-McGee	42½	42½
Kimberly-Clark	50½	51½
Knight-Ridder	50½	50½
Lilly (Eli)	60½	60½
Limited Inc	25½	25½
LIN Broadcstg	72½	72½
Lincoln Nat	44	44
Litton	56½	57½
Lk Cnslidtd	37	37½
Lockheed Corp	38½	38½
Louisiana Pac	46½	46½
MCI Commun	25	26½
Marriott	19½	19½
Marsh & McLan	66½	66½
Martin Marietta	32½	34
Masco Corp	22½	22½
May Dept St	44½	44½
Mayrnt Corp	13	13½
McDer Collstar	29	29
McDonald's	42½	42½
McDonnell D	40	39½
McGraw Hill	36½	36½
Mead Corp	32½	32½
Medtronic	68½	69½
Mellon Bk	44½	44½
Melville Corp	49½	50½
Merck Inc	49½	49½
Merrill Lynch	47	47½
Minnesota Mining	60½	60½
Mobil Corp	61	61
Monsanto	50½	52
Morgan (JP)	46½	47½
Motorola Inc	65½	65½
Med Medical	30½	30½
Nat Semi	12½	12½
Nat Service Ind	23½	23½
Nwstar Inc	7½	7½
NBD Bancorp	38½	38½
NY Times A	28½	28½
Newmont Mng	47½	47½
Nbg Berman	17½	18½
Nike B	77½	78½
NL Industries	5½	5½
Nordstrom	38½	38
Norfolk Sthrn	50½	54½
Nthn States Pwr	42½	42½
Norwest Corp	32½	32½
Nynex Corp	81½	81½
Occidental Pet	18½	19
Ohio Edison	21½	22½

	Oct 9 midday	Oct 8 close
Omnic Systems	18½	19½
Owns Illnoy Co	23½	23½
PPG Industries	54½	54½
PPG Industries	54½	54½
Pacific Tel	27½	27½
Pacific Inc	22½	22½
Pan Am Airlines	1½	1½
Paccar Inc	53½	53½
Penney	52½	52½
Pennzoil	72½	72½
Pep Boys	28½	28½
Pepsico Inc	50½	50½
Perkin Elmer	56½	56½
Pfizer	81	81½
Phelps Dodge	50½	50½
Philadel Elec	25½	25½
Philip Morris	68½	69½
Phillips Pet	30½	31
Pitney Bowes	59½	59½
Polaroid	32½	32½
Price Co	35	35½
Procter & Gamble	73½	73½
Pub Ser E & G	30½	30½
Quaker Oats	41	40½
Ralston Purina	43½	43½
Raychem Corp	50½	50½
Raytheon	42½	42½
Reebok Intl	20½	20½
Reynolds Metals	50½	50½
Rhodhog Svcs	59½	62½
Richmd Intl	26½	26½
Rohm & Haas	68½	68½
Royal Dutch	85½	86
Rubbermaid	32½	32
Safeco Corp	37½	37½
St Paul's Cos	34	34
Salomon Inc	30½	30½
Santa Fe E Pac	11½	11½
Sara Lee Corp	32½	32½
Scecorp	43½	44½
Schering Plough	59½	59½
Schlumberger	65½	65½
Scott Paper	33½	33½
Seagram	33½	33½
Sears Roebuck	41½	42½
Shell Trans	32½	32½
Sherwin Wllms	33	33½
Sigma Corp	15½	15½
Sing-Co-Tech	33	33
Solutron Co	37	37½
Southwestern Bell	44½	45½
Sprint Corp	31	30½
Stanley Works	39½	39½
Sun Company	23½	23½
Sunbeam	37½	38½
Supervalu	32	32½
Synnet Corp	23½	23½
Sysco Corp	30½	32½
TDK Inc	48½	47
Tandon Corp	11½	11½
Tandy Corp	35½	35
Telecom Corp	1½	1½
Teledyne	17½	17½
Temple Inland	44½	45½
Tenneco	44½	45½
Texaco	61½	60½
Texas Inst	40½	40½
Texas Utilities	41½	41
Textron	38½	38½
Time Warner	32	32½
Times-Mirror	28½	29½
Timken	34½	34½
Torchmark	50½	51½
Toys R Us	30½	30½
Transamerica	40½	40½
Travelers Corp	22½	22½
Tribune	42½	42½
Tyco Labs	33½	34½
UAL Corp	117½	113½
UNC Inc	10½	10½
UEK Mercdies	16½	17½
Unocal NV	109½	110½
Union Camp	43½	43½
Union Carbide	13½	13½
Union Pacific	50½	51
Unisys Corp	7½	7½
USAIR Group	12	12½
USWest Corp	30½	30½
US Bancorp	23½	23½
US Life	48½	48½
US West	37½	38½
United Tech	44½	44½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	37½	38½
VF Corp	48½	48½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	64½	65
Wasc Mgmnt Inc	26	26½
Wells Fargo	62½	62
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhauser	33½	33½
Whirlpool	38½	38½
Williams	32½	32½
Winn Dixie	44½	45½
Woolworth	31½	31½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	37½	37
Xerox	70½	71½

Funds

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/- %	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lauark Square, London EC4 9XS. 071 626 5980				
Series Mngd Pd	314.60	333.00	+ 0.60	...
Series Equity	395.10	418.30	+ 0.40	...
Series Prop Pd	388.10	410.10	...	...
Series Fixed Int	272.60	288.80	+ 2.40	...
Series Money Pd	232.00	245.40	+ 0.30	...
Series Gtnd Pd	211.30	224.10	+ 0.60	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0990 010575				
Life Funds				
Equitrust	16.61	17.49	+ 0.02	...
Bear	16.13	16.98	+ 0.09	...
Owl	15.82	16.34	- 0.14	...
Bull	13.73	14.46	- 0.04	...
Bog	13.88	14.40	+ 0.02	...
Gilt Edged	16.04	16.04	- 0.08	...
Deposit	14.70	14.70	+ 0.01	...
Pensions				
Equitrust	21.80	22.96	+ 0.04	...
Bear	20.91	22.02	- 0.11	...
Owl	19.39	20.20	- 0.19	...
Bull	16.66	17.53	- 0.04	...
Bog	16.09	16.94	+ 0.02	...
Gilt Edged	19.38	19.38	- 0.03	...
Deposit	18.36	18.36	+ 0.03	...
Pre 1983 Series				
3-Way Fund	418.30	418.40	- 1.21	...
1983 Series				
UK Equity	248.42	261.50	- 1.08	...
N Amer Equity	201.49	204.14	+ 2.87	...
Far East Equity	270.62	284.87	+ 7.63	...
Fixed	250.04	263.21	- 0.42	...
Cash Deposit	188.46	198.38	+ 0.34	...
Property	68.62	71.24	- 2.34	...
Special Opp	245.88	258.83	- 1.39	...
Managed	220.08	234.83	- 0.88	...
Index-Linked Pd	167.91	176.75	- 0.20	...
ABBEY LIFE Heldelberg Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Pd inc	281.20	275.00	...	...
-do- Acc	444.10	467.50	...	...
Equity Pd inc	130.70	137.60	- 1.30	...
-do- Acc	165.30	174.10	- 1.30	...
Selective Pd	390.80	411.40	- 0.50	...
Money Pd	343.40	361.50	+ 0.30	...
Prop Pd Ser 4	352.30	371.40	- 0.30	...
Equity Ser 4	167.10	175.80	- 1.30	...
Man Ser 4	503.50	530.10	+ 1.00	...
Cptv Ser 4	303.10	318.00	+ 0.40	...
Money Ser 4	301.80	317.30	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	336.70	311.30	+ 1.00	...
American Ser 4	376.00	395.80	+11.30	...
High Inc Ser 4	486.00	511.60	- 3.80	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	179.00	188.50	+ 0.70	...
Japan Ser 4	252.91	266.30	+ 3.33	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Dashes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Pd Acc	1218.5	1282.5	+ 4.80	...
European Pd Acc	262.10	275.90	- 9.00	...
Fixed Int Acc	444.60	467.30	- 1.80	...
Cnd Money Acc	309.90	326.20	+ 0.60	...
Intl Managed Acc	425.70	448.10	+ 1.00	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	281.90	296.70	- 1.50	...
Japan Fund	195.50	205.70	+ 3.20	...
N American Acc	240.90	253.50	- 2.20	...
Prop Pd Acc	360.40	380.60	+ 0.50	...
Multiple Inv Acc	808.00	850.50	+ 0.90	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	344.50	362.70	+ 0.90	...
Equity Acc	1041.3	1096.0	+ 8.40	...
Property Acc	464.00	488.50	+ 1.40	...
Far East Acc	200.20	210.80	+ 1.60	...
Managed Capital	421.90	444.20	- 3.10	...
-do- Acc	815.10	858.00	- 5.90	...
Overseas Acc	703.00	741.00	- 7.40	...
Gilt Edged Acc	398.40	419.90	- 1.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	584.80	615.30	- 4.00	...
Amer Man Acc	286.60	270.20	- 1.50	...
Amer Prop Acc	117.30	121.90	...	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	632.60	665.90	- 2.00	...
-do- Initial	450.80	474.60	- 1.50	...
Gilt Edged Acc	324.10	341.20	- 0.80	...
-do- Initial	233.10	245.40	- 0.40	...
International Acc	281.60	296.90	- 0.40	...
-do- Initial	201.20	211.80	- 0.30	...
Managed Acc	397.90	418.90	- 2.00	...
-do- Initial	284.80	299.80	- 1.40	...
Money Acc	258.10	263.50	+ 0.70	...
Property Acc	255.10	268.60	-13.30	...
-do- Initial	181.20	190.80	- 9.70	...
America Acc	203.40	211.00	+ 2.80	...
Australia Acc	142.60	150.20	+ 3.10	...
Financial Acc	203.60	214.40	...	...
500 Actuary	300.30	316.20	- 2.60	...
Japan Genl Acc	237.30	249.80	- 5.80	...
Income Acc	358.60	377.80	- 1.50	...
Leisure Acc	144.00	172.30	- 2.20	...
Special Sits Acc	152.20	160.30	+ 0.50	...
Unit Tech Acc	103.20	108.70	+ 0.70	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mensbridge House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Pd	608.51	608.51	- 5.02	...
Income Fund	551.06	580.07	- 8.53	...
Extra Income	498.33	524.56	+16.91	...
Worldwide Gth	359.62	378.57	+ 6.03	...
Balanced Fund	497.17	523.34	-18.40	...
Smlr Cos Equty	476.05	501.11	-21.53	...
N Amer & Genrl	297.30	312.95	+ 6.10	...
Pacific Basin	263.67	270.45	+15.35	...
German Growth	161.70	170.22	- 3.76	...
Japan Growth	112.43	118.35	- 4.11	...
The UK Gth Pd	158.06	166.38	- 6.72	...
Gnrl Euro Gth	88.55	93.19	- 2.71	...
Property Fund	342.86	360.91	+ 0.78	...
Fixed Interest	284.49	278.42	- 0.50	...
Cash Fund	262.66	276.48	+ 0.75	...
Managed Inv	377.00	396.85	- 3.30	...
Nth Amer Recov	179.03	188.46	+ 0.91	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Gresnall, Northwichs. 0475 868008				
Measured Perf	113.20	120.80	- 0.10	...
Performance Plus	108.50	114.80	+ 0.50	...
With Profit Perf	151.20	160.00	+ 0.30	...
UK Opportunity	128.30	137.30	- 1.80	...
Euro Opportunity	132.70	140.40	+ 0.80	...
North Amer Opp	101.70	107.60	+ 1.60	...
Far East Opp	119.20	125.10	+ 3.00	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	149.70	157.60	- 0.80	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	146.70	155.20	- 1.60	...
Fixed Int	149.40	158.10	- 1.30	...
Cash	145.90	154.00	+ 0.10	...
Performance Plus	...	...	...	...
Overseas	128.00	133.90	+ 1.80	...
CANADA LIFE 24 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	224.00	...	...	...
Managed	341.30	354.30	+ 0.30	...
Property	188.60	198.50	...	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	193.80	204.10	- 0.80	...
Index-Linked	164.20	172.90	+ 0.20	...
Equity	261.10	274.90	+ 0.70	...
Cash	203.50	214.30	+ 0.10	...
CLife Euro Mngd	256.90	270.50	- 5.70	...
CLife Intl Pd	254.40	267.80	...	...
UK Equity	248.42	261.50	- 1.08	...
N Amer Equity	201.49	204.14	+ 2.87	...
Far East Equity	270.62	284.87	+ 7.63	...
Fixed	250.04	263.21	- 0.42	...
Cash Deposit	188.46	198.38	+ 0.34	...
Property	68.62	71.24	- 2.34	...
Special Opp	245.88	258.83	- 1.39	...
Managed	220.08	234.83	- 0.88	...
Index-Linked Pd	167.91	176.75	- 0.20	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	91.40	98.70	...	...
Equity Units	859.28	...	- 1.31	...
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Banks must help, not humiliate

Banks constantly claim that the days when a cheque could be bounced hours before a regular payment arrived in a current account are long past. Staff have been trained, know what annoys customers and get it "right first time". If only this were true.

While banks are spending millions of pounds on the service ethic and trying to please, there are still staff who seem not to know that they are supposed to be there to help customers, not humiliate them.

Barclays carried out research this summer on every aspect of banking, down to what sort of doors its customers wanted. It found that disabled people, the elderly and mothers with babies in buggies did not want heavy revolving doors at their branches.

However, the message of how to treat customers has not got through to all the counter staff. One reader, who has been a customer of Barclays for a long time, is disabled and cannot use cash dispensers. Her monthly money was due in on Saturday, October 3, yet when she tried to withdraw a small amount on Friday from her overdrawn account, the counter clerk refused her request.

The young man, who knows the customer and her account history, refused steadfastly to let her have the money to pay her cleaning woman, knowing that she would be unable to get it until the bank opened on Monday.

Her small overdraft had been charged for by the bank and the account was going back into the black the following day. One might have thought that, for the sake of customer relations, even an able-bodied person would have been able to withdraw money a day early, let alone someone who is disabled.

Reducing a disabled customer to tears in her local branch is the tactic of a bullyboy, not a bank.

It is small consolation that the chairman's office was able to sort out her problem immediately after she had contacted *The Times*. At the time, she was so upset that she could barely talk. She wanted to regain the self-respect that she had lost in her local branch and fight her own battle. Head office came up trumps and made sure she got her money straightaway.

COMMENT

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Maybe the next stage should be to improve cash dispensers to help disabled customers to use them. One building society is taking a lead on this. It has installed the first cash card machine to help both wheelchair-bound and visually impaired customers. The cash dispenser, at the Gateshead branch, of Northern Rock, is fitted with Braille keys, has bold colours and lettering on the screen and keys to help the visually impaired and can be reached by people in wheelchairs.

It is about time thought was given to improving the machines. The other way banks conspire to upset customers is in their refusal to accept that dispensers can be faulty. The banking code has not improved matters. It was supposed to put the onus on the banks to prove that customers were negligent if their cards were used to withdraw money without their knowledge. Banks and building societies are, however, united in refusing to refund money in many cases. If the money was withdrawn and the computer record says the card was used, the customer must have been careless, they say.

Royal delays

It is almost exactly two years since Bob Kissane, a Royal Life salesman, was charged with 13 counts of obtaining property by deception. He stole millions of pounds from investors who believed that lump sums from remortgaging their homes would go into Royal Life investment bonds. Mr Kissane told investors that the bond would generate enough income to cover mortgage repayments and pay premiums on Royal Life endowments taken out at the same time (a useful extra commission for himself). Some of the money was duly invested but most of it disappeared into Mr Kissane's bank account.

He was jailed earlier this year but more than 100 of his 400 clients are still waiting for Royal to agree compensation. Every day, arrears mount on their mortgages, taken out on Mr Kissane's advice.

This week, events took a more dangerous turn. At least one lender, The Mortgage Corporation, indicated that its patience was running out. There has been an exchange of letters with Royal, as TMC urges it to settle compensation terms with 32 TMC borrowers who are behind with repayments — in some cases by two or three years.

TMC says it has not yet repossessed the homes of any former Kissane clients. But it is unlikely to wait forever, and neither are the other lenders involved. The longer Royal delays, the larger the arrears grow. In some cases, even a settlement might not cover the debts. Royal needs to hurry up and sort out acceptable repayments for the remaining victims.

Five years after Black Monday, unit trust performance tables are set to soar ahead

Funds leave behind bitter memory of the Crash

Lindsay Cook explains why some funds will show a rise of 150% over the course of this month

THE fifth anniversary of the stock market Crash this October 19 marks the watershed for many investment houses. They will be able to leave poor or indifferent investment performance figures behind and to start quoting their returns after the Crash. In extreme cases the performance will be more than 150 per cent better over five years from the end of October than it was at the beginning of the month.

Unit trusts, bound by their regulator to quote five-year performance figures should get a new lease of life as they leave behind the wreckage of the Crash, when stock markets around the world collapsed.

Wall Street fell 508 points in one day and London's FT-SE index 250 points. Unit trust investors were unable to deal at any price. Phone lines had been damaged by the storms the previous Friday. By the time City nerves were restored, unit prices had fallen by as much as 25 per cent.

At the time, it was estimated that the people of Great Britain saw £102.5 billion wiped off their collective fortunes. The losses and the volatile markets that followed caused many investors to return to building societies and banks. Unit trust sales have been in the doldrums since, with net outflows for several months and small inflows in others. This August net unit trust sales were just £56 million after two months' of negative outflows. This is less than a twentieth of the September 1987 figure — the highest recorded.

Unit trust sales peaked when the market was rising steadily, month on month, and the funds could advertise performance over a matter of weeks or months. Marketing rules imposed by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation under the Financial Services Act limit groups to using five-year statistics. This is intended to give a long term view for long term investments. But it has dragged down the performance tables for unit trusts and left the majority of share-based funds out in the cold. In the five years to the beginning of October gilt funds took half of the top 50 places.

The best performing fund over the five years to the beginning of October showed a gain of 86 per cent after charges. By the end of the month the five-year performance figure for the same fund should — barring another Crash — show it up more than 200 per cent according to figures calculated for Weekend Money by Micropal, the performance monitor.

Screens full of red lines, silent telephones, no buyers: the scene at Barclays de Zoete Wedd on Black Monday, 1987

The Foreign & Colonial US Smaller Companies fund was the best performer over the five years to the beginning of October. But when Micropal calculated performance from the beginning of November 1987, while it was up 208 per cent at the beginning of this week, it was nudged into second place by Gartmore's Hong Kong fund, which is up 220 per cent over the four years 11 months. Over five years it is up 58 per cent.

More important for the whole unit trust industry, the average of the 901 funds with five-year performance records rises from a loss of £4.80 per £100 invested to a £30 gain. The second-placed Framlington Health fund doubles from a 70 per cent gain over five years to the beginning of October to a 149 per cent rise in the four years 11 months from November 1987. The rises are less dramatic for investment trusts at the top of the tables, partly because they were already outperforming unit trusts. Candover Investments, in the five years to October 5, was up 118 per cent, from November 1 1987, to Monday, it was up 187 per cent. The average trust showed a 3p profit per £100 invested over five years and a £31.17 gain with the Crash excluded.

But the average unit and investment trust has not produced the same return as a building society account. £5,000 in the Halifax 90-Day Xtra account from the Crash to yesterday would now be worth £7,071 or an extra £41.42 per £100 invested.

Those investing the maximum £1,000 in the 33rd issue of National Savings certificates after the Crash have a tax-free gain of £402.40 when they cash in the matured certificates on October 21.

Over five years, the investment sector that has done best is fixed interest according to Micropal, with a rise of 35 per cent, followed closely by gilt funds with 30 per cent. When the Crash comes out of the statistics, it is a very different story. The Far East, excluding Japan, is up 18 per cent over five years and 125 per cent over four years and 11 months. North American unit trusts have risen 15 per cent over five years and 59 per cent over four years 11 months. The poorest-performing sector over five years is commodity and energy with funds, down on average 48 per cent. Over four years 11 months, they are down 19 per cent. Bottom over four years and 11 months are financial and property funds, down 46 per cent.

In the UK, the FT-SE index of the top 100 companies has risen from 1,801 on October 21 to 2,541 last night. This 41 per cent rise in share prices excludes dividend income.

Despite the turnaround in performance statistics from the end of the month, the investment industry does not expect a rush into equities either through funds or directly when the Crash leaves the five-year performance tables.

There is a move back to basics and security with easy-to-understand funds and products that guarantee to return all or most of the capital after a fixed period whatever happens in the markets. This week the markets gave a little reminder of Black Monday with a 100-point fall in the FT-SE on Monday and Wall Street off 100 points in early trading. UK investors who bought after the fall and others who sat tight had their faith rewarded. The 100-point loss was restored by Friday morning.

Rich pickings for the brave

BY SARA MCCONNELL

INVESTING a lump sum in UK equities through a unit trust or investment trust just after the Crash would have paid off more handsomely after five years than taking out a regular monthly savings plan. But most of those who wanted to shield themselves from the worst of market volatility with a regular savings scheme would still have seen their investment grow.

However, the last thing most investors were thinking of just after the Crash was putting money into equities, fund management groups say. Judy Delaforce, product development manager at Fidelity, said: "There was a lot of shock selling. People were either staying put or selling and they were worried about the market going down further."

Those who did have the nerve to commit lump sums to equities just when the whole system appeared to be disintegrating have seen their investment grow, in most cases, by several thousand pounds.

By buying when the market was low they got more cheap units for their money. Because their original investment was larger, they benefited more as the market rose. Those with regular savings schemes have had more months when units were expensive as the market recovered than cheap months when the market was poor.

The big advantage of a regular savings scheme, however, is that investors do not have to guess when the market is at its lowest. Whenever they invest, they benefit either from cheap units when the market is low or growth when the market is buoyant. This is known as "pound cost averaging."

Weekend Money asked leading unit trust and investment trust groups to calculate the value of a £5,900 lump sum investment made on October 21, 1987, in a UK equity trust. They were also asked to calculate how much the same investment made in monthly instalments of £100 a month for each of the 59 months since the Crash would be worth this week. The figures assume that all income is reinvested.

A lump sum investment of £5,900 in Fidelity's UK Growth and Income would have risen to £7,271 by this week. A similar lump sum put into M&G's General Fund would now be £6,844. The same amount invested in £100 monthly instalments would have earned £6,258 in Fidelity's fund and £6,009 in M&G's fund. Both these funds invest mainly in UK blue chip companies. Save & Prosper's Scotyield fund, which aims to produce income, nevertheless has the highest proportion of blue chip stocks of all the company's funds. The £5,900 lump sum investment would have grown to £6,638. The equivalent invested regularly would have fallen to £5,635.

Investors in funds with holdings in more volatile smaller companies would have done less well, but those with lump sums would still have outperformed their regular savings plan counterparts. M&G's Capital fund, which aims to produce growth rather than income, has turned a lump sum investment of £5,900 into £6,147. Save & Prosper's UK equity fund, which has between 17 and 20 per cent of its portfolio in smaller companies funds, poor performers in a crashing market, reduced a lump sum investment of £5,900 to £5,609 over five years. Regular savers saw their total investment fall to £5,192, while M & G's regular savers made just £29 on their £5,900 investment over five years.

An investment trust may have been a better bet than a unit trust in the days just after the Crash. Investment trusts are companies, and the price of the share fluctuates according to demand. Just after the Crash, shares in Fleming Claverhouse blue chip fund were trading at a discount to their net asset value of up to 30 per cent, so they were 30 per cent cheaper for investors.

Investment trusts also have the advantage that they can borrow to buy more shares in the fund. Unit trusts are not allowed to do this. The Claverhouse Trust borrowed 20 per cent of the value of the fund to buy more cheap shares just after the Crash. A £5,900 lump sum invested in the Claverhouse fund on November 2 would now be worth £9,998. A monthly investment of £100 is now worth £7,831.

David Smith, Flemings marketing manager, said: "Many investors were scared witless. They had been carried along on a wave of euphoria and many didn't have a lump sum to buy shares at the bottom of the market. If you had had £5,900 you would make a bigger killing, but the pound cost averaging helps when you don't know the best time to go into the market."

House prices soared — and then slumped

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

HOUSE prices continued to rise dramatically in the South East and East Anglia after the Crash and more steadily throughout the rest of the country. In the year to October 1987, house price inflation was put at 14.5 per cent by the Halifax. In Greater London the annual rate was 25 per cent, just behind the East Anglia figure of 27 per cent.

Estate agents, at the time, said that the stock market crash had demonstrated the value of bricks and mortar as a steady and reliable investment. Falls of 30 per cent or more since then and the Halifax house price index fall of 3 per cent in September alone show this was not the case.

Most home owners have lost far more through falling house prices since they peaked in late 1988 than they did through the stock market collapse. John Wriglesworth of UBS Phillips & Drew estimates that the value of residential properties has fallen by up to £150 billion since the peak.

The steady reduction in interest rates after the crash fuelled the housing market as first-time buyers rushed to buy a flat or house, fearing that if they delayed they would lose out.

Standard mortgage rates fell to 9.8 per cent the following spring when bank base rates came down briefly to 7.5 per cent.

1988's Budget announcement that tax relief would be limited to one allowance per property for those bought after August 1 propelled large numbers of young people into the housing market and pushed prices up further and faster.

In August, the bubble burst. Not only had the multiple tax relief deadline passed but mortgage interest rates increased by 1.75 per cent in one jump. Slowly realism came into the market. Between October and the end of January 1989 prices in London fell 3 per cent. Prices in the North continued to rise while the South calmed down and then along with East Anglia began to fall badly.

Large numbers of people who bought properties after the Crash have homes worth less than their mortgages and no prospect of rising prices in the near future to bale them out.

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A long trail through the family trees

Anne Caborn finds that tracing the beneficiaries of wills can become a lengthy and expensive business

NICK MALAND

Tracking down the legatees named in a will can be a far from easy business, particularly if some years have elapsed since the will was drawn up, or the beneficiaries are involved in one or two of the more exotic professions.

"One such situation would be where a gentlemen has left bequests to nightclub hostesses," explained Tony Holmes, trustee manager with Barclays Bank Trust Company. "Our experience is that in this sort of job women don't use their real names and tend to move on after a short period of time."

But problems arise if the unclaimed legacy is disposed of elsewhere and Fifi L'Amour suddenly returns from an extended tour of the Far East to claim it. The executor and even other beneficiaries of the will can find themselves being pursued for the money.

It is quite common for executors to find themselves with lists of bequests they are unable to administer. "Old people like to remember the friends of their youth in their wills and quite often they don't know a current address," said Mr Holmes. Where the deceased is elderly this can pose an administrative nightmare. Beneficiaries themselves may be dead, in which case the executor may have to find a near relative.

"This has just happened in the case of my own aunt. She was 92 and left her estate in six shares to members of the family of her own generation. Not surprisingly, three died before her and the will doesn't state what should happen to their shares. We've had to go back to the turn of the century to find her uncles and aunts and then trace their families to the present day looking for surviving relatives. This meant drawing up 10 family genealogies."

Tracking down beneficiaries or their successors can be a drain on the estate, but it is vital. "You talk to anybody who knew the deceased to check if they know where a particular beneficiary is now living. Old address books and diaries can be useful," he added.

But the fact that an executor may have to thumb through very personal papers should be kept in mind when making your choice. "Telephone directories can be very helpful, but as they don't give full names there may be dozens of possibilities. You always hope you will be looking for someone called Lockbottle, or something else which is unusual."

Knowing someone's occupation helps, and personnel departments in larger firms will often be able to say where someone has moved to. "You can get a certain amount of help through social services and even the Prison Commissioners."

When contacting potential legatees people need to be circumspect. "You usually start by asking them if they knew anybody who died recently and might have left them something. You wouldn't give them the name." Even if they successfully name the deceased, it is not conclusive. "They may be a relative of the person to whom the bequest was actually made, so you have to be careful."

If the person cannot be found through local contacts an advertisement may help. Under Section 27 of the Trustee Act advertisements have to be placed in the *London Gazette* and, if land is involved, in a local paper in the area. "You then have to wait two months and after that time the funds can be paid out to known creditors and beneficiaries." But even though the advertisement extends to beneficiaries, it affords only limited protection to the executor, if he then disperses the money and no protection to any other legatees who receive it.

Fifi L'Amour could still pursue the other legatees for the money, plus interest and capital appreciation. Such advertisements are also expensive explains Mr Holmes: "The *London Gazette* costs £30 plus VAT and for a local paper you could be paying between £80 and £110. "Interestingly, a freesheet would probably run the advertisement for nothing, but nobody had decided at law whether freebies count as newspapers under the Trustee Act."

Executors could also find themselves liable — despite the advertisement — if they could be found to be "on notice", in other words, had reason to suspect missing beneficiaries were still alive. Without an advertisement the executor is automatically at risk along with the other beneficiaries. The money could be left on deposit or even paid into court funds, but the common practice is to take out an insurance policy.

These are usually called missing beneficiary indemnities, said Alan Norris, of Adam Brothers Contingency, a London insurance broker. "The cost varies depending on whether it's an 80 year old thought to have died or somebody in their 20s who's disappeared to Australia."

A typical premium would probably be between 1.5 and 3 per cent depending on the risk and the sum involved. "Some underwriters will add an escalator clause but that will increase the premium," said Mr Norris. A usual condition is that no further effort is made to trace the missing legatee. "There actually was a case where the son disappeared to Australia, the money passed to the mother who used it to go to Australia and find the son who then claimed against the insurance company."

Some policies also include subrogation rights meaning if an insurance company has to pay out, it pursues other beneficiaries for their share of the money. "Alternatively, some insurers will give straightforward indemnity without subrogation rights. But if the amount involved is small they may simply decided not to pursue," said Mr Norris.

"I would always bar subrogation rights but if the executor is simply a friend of the family he might not even know what subrogation rights were," said Mr Holmes.

There's no way without a will

By Liz Dolan

A MAN aged 36 dies in a car crash. His wife has to split the £175,000 estate with his parents because he has not left a will. Another, whose husband also died intestate, is forced to sell the family home to release the sum the law says must be set aside for the couple's child. Both men intended to leave everything to their wives.

These are just two examples of why everyone should make a will the moment they have anything to leave, according to the *Which? Guide to Giving and Inheriting*, published this week. Jonquil Lowe, the author, says, of the seven out of 10 people who still die without leaving a Will, even those with the smallest of estates can cause their nearest and dearest unnecessary pain and expense. In an attempt to address the problem, the Law Society's annual Make a Will Week starts on Monday. Solicitors around the country are handing out leaflets, linking up with local businesses or taking stands at local events to publicise the occasion.

A survey into will-making, just completed by Mondial Assistance has been timed to coincide with the same event. It discovered that, although younger people were naturally less inclined to make wills than older ones, there were marked regional variations. In London, for instance, the most apathetic age group was 35-40; in Birmingham it was 25-30 and, in Bristol, 30-35. Mondial said: "Despite the apparent feeling of immortality of the 20-30 age group, nearly 5,000 die every year in England and Wales alone." In the 30-40 age group, that number rises to nearly 7,000.

Also to mark Make a Will Week, Citibank has sliced £15 off the amount charged for its Will Writing service. The special fee of £34.95 is available until October 23. Citibank's Freefone Helpline is on 0800 225 226. A free booklet is also available. Charities can suffer when people die intestate. Where no close family or friends exist, people often prefer to leave their money to a worthy cause, rather than allow it to go to distant relatives, or even the State. But this is impossible unless they make their intentions clear in a will. Ms Lowe adds that bequests to charity do not attract inheritance tax and people wishing to make charitable donations in their lifetime should do so in the most tax efficient way.

She calculates charities are deprived of up to £500 million each year because people do not take advantage of available tax relief. Nearly half of the £4 billion given to charity last year was donated in the form of ad-hoc payments. Had the donors chosen instead to use a tax efficient scheme, the value of these gifts would have risen greatly. Such schemes also save money for higher rate tax payers.

Barclays supports credit counselling

By Lindsay Cook

BARCLAYS Bank has pledged a sum of £100,000 to help support a new credit counselling service to be run on American lines. The scheme will help those in debt to pay off what they owe over a four-year period.

A network of 20 to 25 centres will be set up across the country which will arrange debt management programmes for people with debt problems. Clients will agree to pay a set amount each month to the credit counselling service. This will then be shared out among the creditors in an attempt to pay off all debts within four years.

In addition to the funding from Barclays Bank, GE Capital, Registry Trust, a building society, and a major retailer, the creditors will also be charged a levy linked to the percentage of their debt that is repaid.

Bob Potts, the managing director of Barclaycard, said: "We hope that every significant provider of consumer credit will agree to deal with the credit counselling service being set up in Leeds and allow it to deduct a percentage of the monthly sums which pass through."

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Income plan buyers may sue

By Sara McConnell

ELDERLY people who bought home income plans to supplement their pensions then found their debt increased and their income fell now face paying up to £10,000 to use the free arbitration scheme set up to help them.

Advisers are acting for more than 100 investors who took out home income plans via Sandy Park Financial Services, a representative of DBS Financial Management. They say the arbitrator handling the case of one couple has taken nearly a year to decide the written submissions he had received were insufficient. Investors have been told they would need counsel and pay for expert witnesses. This could cost as much as £10,000, that cannot be reclaimed.

The arbitration scheme is run by Fimbra, the regulator for independent financial advisers. DBS is a member of Fimbra. An independent arbitrator, paid for by Fimbra, is appointed by the Institute of Arbitrators and can make awards of up to £50,000 binding on both sides after receiving written submissions. Investors are not normally legally represented. Fimbra said some home income plan cases were too complex to be dealt with by the scheme. Between April 1991, when the scheme started, and this June, 18 awards have been made to home income plan investors, and one to a salesman.

ALAIN LOCKYER

Chasing £30,000 lost in a home income plan: Trevor and Joan Lawrence of Yeovil

Richard Cockroft, Fimbra's director of practice, said this was the first time the arbitrator said he needed oral evidence in a home income plan case and other investors could be in a similar position. They did not have to hire lawyers to represent them in arbitration, but if they did, they could not claim costs or have legal aid. The case before the arbitrator was being used by the investors' solicitors as a test case. Now this route has been abandoned. Writs are expected to be served next week on behalf of 28 individuals on DBS Financial Services, DBS Management, its parent company, and Sonja Thompson of Sandy Park Financial Services. Other writs are in the pipeline. Neil Stevens, a consultant at Trethowans, the solicitor serving the writs, said court costs may also total £10,000, but investors may get costs and legal aid. He said: "The cases will be difficult. It is likely to take two years to get a hearing." Sonja Thompson sold home income plans to about 240 retired people. Mr Stevens said the average loss was about £20,000.

The couple whose case was being examined by the arbitrator had taken out a mortgage of £35,000 on their home in August 1989 via Bradford & Bingley building society. After £8,500 had been deducted for a cash lump sum, monthly income paid, building society interest for the first six months and fees, the remaining £26,700 was invested in a Skandia investment bond. After just over a year the bond was worth just £15,591, allowing for income withdrawals of £4,455.

In their submission, the couple said they had not been told their home was at risk and if they did not pay their mortgage. They also said their money had been invested in high risk funds. In a letter to the couple, Sonja Thompson said: "In your case especially - where you will probably sell up in three years' time, there is no risk whatsoever except for a possible reduction in you capital of £2,000 to £3,000. This will be more than compensated for by the proceeds that you have had from the scheme and by an increase in your property value."

Another couple, Trevor and Joan Lawrence of Yeovil in Somerset, were waiting to see if the test case succeeded. They are now faced with going to court to get back the £30,000 they have lost and are filling in legal aid forms this week.

Ken Davy, chairman of DBS Management, said: "The clients were properly advised at the time with risk warnings in writing. We are an extremly responsible firm of financial advisers. Any writ will be vigorously defended."

Trying to cope with high-cost loans

By Liz Dolan

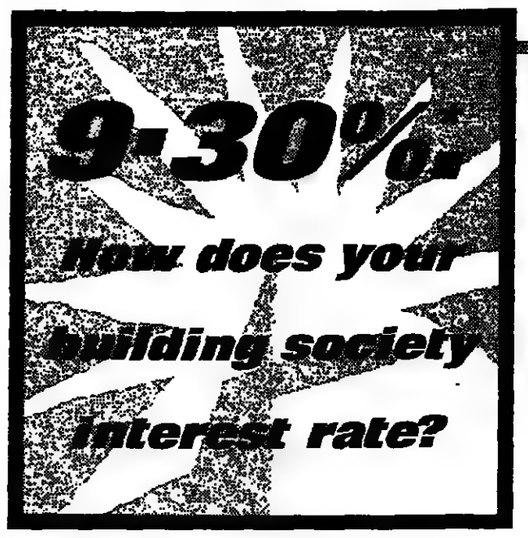
AT A time when many mortgage payers have been celebrating falling interest rates, recent volatility has left others feeling bruised and unfairly treated.

Due to unfortunate timing, mortgage customers of London & Manchester, the insurance company, are this month facing a 0.7 per cent rate rise to 12.65 per cent. Borrowers who tried to get through to a helpline set up to deal with problems arising from the rise were told the line had been disconnected within days of the news being communicated to customers. One said: "It was impossible to get any information from the company. Management was unavailable, and the people who answered the phone just advised us to write in. I understand they get their finance from the money markets. But I don't see how that justifies their rates."

Martin Jackson, L&M's finance director, said the line had been shut because so few customers had used it. He said borrowers had been victims of an unfortunate sequence of events. "When we announced the increase at the beginning of September, it looked as though rates were going to go up. The Skipton had just increased theirs — we weren't the first — and no one had any idea the ERM was going to be blown apart."

The L&M board, due to meet next Wednesday, is likely to announce a rate cut to take effect before the end of the year. But though this would probably be larger than the recent rise, Mr Jackson doubted whether L&M's borrowers would be offered the same deal now on offer from many of the building societies. HMC borrowers are luckier, this week the company said rates would fall 1.5 per cent to 9.95 per cent from January.

The Skipton's rates, which rose to 11.25 per cent in August, are due to come down to 10.25 per cent on October 19. Mortgage customers of National Home Loans are facing even worse problems than those with L&M. One borrower, John Taverner, who is paying 12.65 per cent, is awaiting the results of a repossession order. John Perry, NHL chairman, says he has sympathy with borrowers and advises those still with equity in their homes to change lenders.



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F&C starts one-stop Pep trust

FOREIGN & Colonial investors will for the first time be able to use their £6,000 personal equity plan allowance to invest in one of its trusts with the launch of PEP Investment Trust this week. Income and capital gains from Peps are tax free (Sara McConnell writes).

The trust has been designed to comply with the rule that investment or unit trusts held within a Pep have to have 50 per cent of their assets in UK or EC equities. The company's eight existing trusts, including the Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, have the majority of their assets in overseas equities. Only £1,500 of the annual Pep allowance can be put into such non-qualifying investment trusts.

MICHAEL POWELL

Reflecting high earnings: Jeremy Tigue of Foreign & Colonial

The portfolio of the Pep Investment Trust will contain about 50 stocks. F&C's Jeremy Tigue said he expected FT-SE 100 shares to constitute three quarters of the portfolio. Investors have until October 23 to apply for shares in the offer for the trust. Only ordinary shares will be held in the trust, which aims to achieve long-term capital and income growth. Mr Tigue believes most of the offer will be taken up by private investors. Those applying before October 23 and opting to put some or all of their investment into a Pep will not have to pay the normal £50 initial Pep charge, but there will be a £60 annual Pep management charge.

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Cascade of cuts from the Bristol & West

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

A CUT of 3 per cent in mortgage rates is guaranteed for existing borrowers of the Bristol & West Building Society who opt for its Cascade mortgage in the course of the next 15 months.

It is the second time the tenth-largest society has guaranteed to reduce payments over a number of months. The last offer was made two years ago, when mortgage rates were still at 14.5 per cent. Bristol & West undertook to reduce payments to 11.5 per cent by November last year. When the offer matured for the 7,000 borrowers who took it up, the standard variable rate was 11.5 per cent.

Over the 13 months, the Cascade rate was below the society's standard variable rate for seven months. For three months it was the same and for another three it was 0.05 per cent above.

Savings were relatively modest but peace of mind was a greater benefit, the society says. On a £60,000 endowment mortgage, the saving was £270 over the 13 months, taking the arrangement fee into account.

This time, the rate falls to 9.75 per cent from December 1 and to 9.25 per cent from March. In June, a 0.25 per cent reduction comes into play, followed by similar cuts in September and December next year. Finally, in March 1994, the rate falls to 7.99 per cent before reverting to the society's standard variable rate in June of that year.

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Going really independent solved the commission fee on an annuity

From Mr P. Sutton

Sir, The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation *Buyer's Guide* states that "An independent adviser acts on *his client's behalf* in recommending a product from the ranges of all companies that make up the market place".

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Long wait for Pearl bonus statement

From Mr John Andrews

Sir, In August you wrote a lead article criticising Pearl Assurance, and reported that all the company's policyholders could expect to receive their 1992 bonus statements by the end of that month.

I attach a copy of a letter to my local Pearl office: I received a reply from the office manager, a Mrs Bonner, dated September 16 and stating that the 1991 bonus statements "have only recently been received by us from our chief office" and that she had instructed Mr Thompson (my local representative whom I have never met) to forward my statement. I have still not heard from Mr Thompson.

A telephone call today found Mrs Bonner (and Mr Gifford, who does, I am assured, exist) both out of the office.

The lady who took my call apologised most profusely and agreed that it was her bad fortune to work for Pearl Assurance, but could do no more than promise to pass on my complaint.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. ANDREWS,
Ravenswood,
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Mortgages linked to Libor could fall

From Mr Peter Snowdon

Sir, We write further to an article in your newspaper published on Saturday September 26, 1992, under the title "Centralised lenders take their time."

We would refer specifically to a factual inaccuracy concerning loans with this institution. While it is correct that we have recently raised margins on our loans this was done prior to the recent reduction in bank base rates.

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Courts can order lenders to allow home sales

From Mr G. Greenhouse,

Sir, In your article of September 26, "New Year Cheer for Millions of Home Buyers" you refer to the 1.5 million borrowers whose homes are worth less than their mortgages and cannot move unless they pay the difference between the loan and value of the property.

In July of this year the Court of Appeal ordered a mortgage company to allow the sale of a property notwithstanding the sale proceeds would be less than the outstanding mortgage. The court stated it had wide unfettered discretion which could be exercised at any time having due regard to the interests of all concerned.

Accordingly any of your readers who are in difficulty should take legal advice.

Yours faithfully,
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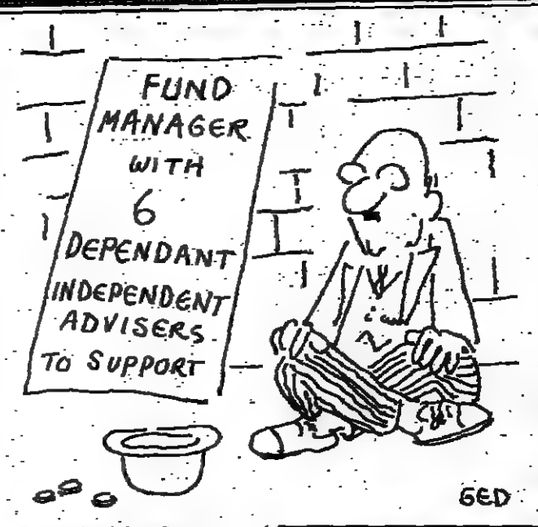

Leasehold reform

From Mrs P. Loder Dyer

Sir, It is misleading of the estate agents Savills, known for their work on behalf of private ground landlords, to apply the term "windfall gains" to leasehold reform.

Most leaseholders have paid large premiums for their leases, and the longer they have been in occupation the more likely they are to have invested large sums in their homes. Leaseholders as freeholders are entitled to improve upon the situation in which they bought their leases, and use any gain they make to buy a similar home if they sell.

Parliament acknowledged in 1967 that it was quite indefensible that "the law should allow the ownership of a house to revert to the freeholder without his paying anything for it so that he gets not only the land but also the house, the improvements and everything the leaseholder and his predecessors have added to it." But the rateable value restriction on leasehold enfranchisement has allowed this situation to persist.

For leaseholders denied the rights of the 1954 Landlord and Tenant Act and the 1967 Leasehold Reform Act, this has resulted in the enrichment of ground landlords at their tenants' expense. In 1984, the government accepted the taking of property, without compensation, would not be justifiable under Article 1 of Protocol No 1 of the European Convention of Human Rights. Despite this, nothing has been done to redress this situation, until now.

The government's present proposals on the cost of enfranchisement in forthcoming legislation, derive from the special valuation basis amendment introduced at a late stage into the 1974 Housing Bill in the House of Lords.

The government must uphold Parliament's majority view in 1967 that the costs of enfranchisement should be determined according to the principle that "in equity the bricks and mortar belong to the qualified leaseholder and the land to the landlord."

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA LODER DYER,
68 Cadogan Place, SW1.

Prompt payment

From Mr L. F. Mitchell

Sir, My experience in receiving payments on endowment policies is in marked contrast to that of R. J. Hobdell (Weekend Money October 3).

My insurers (Sun Alliance) advised me at the end of July of the payments to be made on two policies maturing on October 1. They subsequently acknowledged receipt of documents and returned promptly those they only needed to inspect. The cheques in settlement were received a full week before payment was due and were paid into my bank on September 25.

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21	Courtaulds	Chems,Plas	
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1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
323	249½	Abbey Ntl	308	-1	10.5	4.5	10.6
186	114	Allied Irish	168	-2	...	6.9	9.9
34	26	Ansbacher (H)	30	...	0.8	...	...
197½	106	Ass New Z	117	-2	...	7.2	9.2
2712½	1906½	Bankamerica	2631½	-89½	...	...	...
174	141	Bk of Ireland	164	-1	...	7.2	26.3
340	200	Bk Leumi UK	280	...	16.0	7.6	...
124	97	Bank Scotland	112†	-1	4.3	5.2	17.4
410	274	Barclays	286	-2	21.1	8.3	...
6	3	Beachmark	4	...	...	...	15.9
304	27	Brown Shipley	27	-2	...	...	...
21	11	Cattels	11½	...	...	...	...
395	238	Cater Allen	309	...	26.0	11.2	...
74	61	Cetus	70	...	3.8	7.3	10.3
1680	912½	Chase Manh	1269W	-13½	...	...	...
1125	837½	Citicorp	1037W	...	...	...	...
267	206	Close Bros	223	...	9.5	5.7	9.9
[illegible]	7700	Commerzbk	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
1264½	1214	Deutsche Bk	[illegible]	-480	...	2.5	...
84	13	First Nat Fin	34	...	...	...	...
1104	498	Fuji Bank Y	843	-27	...	0.9	...
329	270	Gerrard Nat	298	+2	21.0	10.1	...
419	238	HSBC	420	+6	...	3.5	22.3
282	202	Hambros	227	+3	11.6	7.2	9.7
353	308	Joseph (L)	308	...	13.6	6.0	...
98	54	King Shaxson	68	...	5.0	10.6	...
324	212	Kleinwort Ben	250	...	16.0	7.4	23.4
482	346	Lloyds	446	+1	18.7	5.6	13.1
34½	40	Lon Scot Bk	51	...	2.7	7.4	15.1
348	250	Nat Aust Bk	309	...	...	6.2	11.6
392	241	Nat West	346	-2	17.3	6.7	47.8
552	418	Provident	536	...	24.0	6.0	12.7
37	28	Rea Bros	29	...	0.5	2.3	...
206	137	Ryl Bk Scot	152	+1	8.5	7.7	41.4
1365	1043	Schroders	1258†	+2	18.0	1.9	14.6
518	364	Stand Chart	512	+12	20.0	5.4	12.7
157½	115	TSB	138	+2	6.4	6.0	...
200	18	Union Disc	46	+1	13.5	...	...
565	403	Warburg SG	517	...	18.0	4.6	10.4
204	137	-do- 6% 'A'	176	+1	...	4.6	...
4767½	2087½	Wells Fargo	3725	-37½	...	2.3	...
185	99	Westpac	120	+2	...	9.7	9.4
253	205	Wintrust	205	...	8.3	5.0	7.9

BREWERIES

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	528	Allied-Lyons	606	+11	20.0	4.4	14.2
655	472	Bass	583	+5	...	4.3	12.1
197	146	Boddington	173	-1	8.6	6.1	11.0
380	243	Bulmer (HP)	325	...	9.0	3.7	16.3
143	112	Burtonwd Brw	115	+1	4.4	5.2	4.2
391	194	Devenish (JA)	234	...	6.2	3.7	13.0
102	68	Eldridge P 'A'	71	...	2.6	4.9	10.3
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	80†	+1	...	2.6	-
440	383	Fullr Sm 'A'	363	...	6.7	2.5	14.4
198	137	Gibbs Mew	173	...	6.7	3.2	10.9
518	360	Grand Met	380	-11	11.5	4.0	11.8
438	313	Greenalls Grp	365	+2	11.0	4.0	12.6
500	405	Greene King	438	+2	11.6	3.4	11.8
544	490½	Guinness	530	+8	10.8	2.6	14.9
346	245	Hardy Hansn	266	...	...	3.7	14.5
145	126	Heavitree	126	...	5.0	3.0	15.8
115	95	-do- 'A' LV	95	...	...	4.3	13.2
308	191	Highland Dist	222	+5	5.8	3.3	15.0
48	21	Hoskins Brew	48	...	...	...	-
338	288	Invrgordn Dist	320	+1	6.8	2.7	18.0
825	673	Macdn Martn 'A'	488	...	8.8	2.4	11.9
720	515	Mansfield	645	...	12.6	2.8	13.9
289	166	Matson Thmp	213	-1	4.8	3.1	12.8
477	405	Matthew Clark	413	...	15.7	5.1	11.7
381	215	Mrrydwn W	318†	+3	...	3.8	14.1
480	320	Morland	363	...	...	3.1	14.1
10½	5½	Paramount	5½	...	...	...	6.3
1020	665	SA Breweries	668	-17	...	4.0	10.6
478	380	Scot & New	422	-4	16.1	5.1	11.1
174	146	Taunton Cider	168	...	...	3.8	16.2
234	148	Vaux Group	188	+1	9.2	6.5	13.4
488	347	Whitbread 'A'	432	+1	10.9	3.2	11.9
1436	1150	-do- 'B'	1165	...	16.9	1.9	32.0
660	514	Wolvrhmptn D	540	...	10.5	2.5	13.2
545	453	Young 'A'	515	...	14.5	3.5	20.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
75	60	Abbey	68	...	...	2.2	22.7
28	9	Albrighton	9	...	...	...	...
123	54	Allen	60	...	5.0	11.1	6.4
182	53	Amec	62	-1	10.2	...	5.5
27	2½	Anglia Sec	2	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashtead	107	+2	4.1	5.1	14.4
151	100	Atwoods	110	-2	...	4.1	9.6
196	123	BPB Ind	140	-5	11.2	10.7	35.6
102	51	Baggeridge Brk	53	-2	3.1	7.9	13.1
27	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	16	...	0.5	4.7	...
118	80	Barcom	91	...	...	8.5	...
88	34	Barratt Devs	66†	-2	2.0	4.0	-
300	193	Bellway	247	-5	11.0	5.9	16.3
36	14	Bellwinch	24	...	...	...	...
345	186	Berkeley Gp	233	-4	3.0	3.9	17.1
100	50	Bett Bros	52	...	4.2	...	...
89	27	Blockleys	31†	+4	3.3	...	10.8
284½	121	Blue Circle	138	-5	11.2	11.1	13.5
225	140½	Boot (Henry)	175	...	...	4.1	10.0
108	62	Breedon PLC	62	...	4.6	9.0	12.0
132	66	Br Dredging	71	...	7.4	13.9	9.2
180	48	Brk Fndngs	48†	...	5.3	...	...
116	60	Bryant	82†	-3	4.8	7.8	16.3
80	38	CALA	42†	...	2.3	7.3	-
249	186	CRH	188	-1	...	4.7	10.5
48	24	Catchread Bty	25	...	...	...	...
82	20	Costain	21	...	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	72	...	...	7.4	8.6
66	23	Crest Nicholson	27	...	0.0	...	...
58	14	Cussins	18	+1	...	...	...
5	¾	Dunton	¾	...	...	...	...
46	12	Edmond Hldgs	17½	...	1.8	...	7.2
211	132	Epwin	140	...	...	6.0	12.0
54	23	Erith	28	...	2.0	...	...
267	220	Eve Group	250	...	9.7	5.2	11.5
88	25	Evered Bardon	30	-1	5.0	...	16.3
19	5½	Explaura	5½	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp	102	...	3.0	...	...
79	42	Galliford	34	-1	4.3	11.3	-
98	83	Gibbs & Dandy	84	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	590	-5	11.8	2.7	7.9
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	79	...	3.1	5.4	16.3
63	30	Hewetson	30	...	2.6	11.6	6.5
28	15	Hey & Croft	16†	...	...	...	...
388	132	Heywd Wim	152	-6	12.5	11.0	14.0
106	29	Higgs & Hill	34	-2	9.0	...	4.4
39	23	How Gp	28†	...	2.5	...	9.7
20	10	Howard Hldgs	14	...	0.5	4.8	...
98	37	Ibstock Johnsen	45	...	6.0	...	...
43	30	Jarvis	30	...	0.5	2.6	...
240	109	Laing (J)	168	...	9.0	7.1	8.7
25	3½	Lilley	7	...	2.0	...	2.2
122	80	Ln Clydeside	82	...	7.0	11.4	8.1
26	4½	Lovell (YJ)	7½	...	2.2	...	...
295	180	Manders	183	-3	2.0	8.1	12.7
148	57	Marley	75	-2	4.2	7.4	19.2
97	33	Marshalls	57	+1	...	11.7	13.3
155	101	Maunders (J)	106	...	4.9	6.2	11.9
210	70	McAlpine (A)	94	...	10.3	...	6.5
75	25	McCarthy & S	31	...	...	3.9	...
433	181	Meyer Int	202	-2	16.5	10.9	11.7
14	5	Miskin Gp	6	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	62†	...	16.5	...	...
44	18	NHM	36	...	...	...	...
166	91	Newman Tonks	99	...	9.3	12.5	15.3
327	146	Persimmon	185	-1	8.6	6.2	15.3
36	19	Phoenix Timber	20	+1	...	...	...
1525	1150	Pochins	1300	...	20.0	2.5	9.2
155	80	Prowting	86	...	5.0	7.9	10.8
25	3¾	Quiligotti	4¾	...	...	...	...
609	384	RMC Gp	396	-11	20.0	7.0	14.1
137	67	Raine Ind	88	...	6.0	9.5	-
96	43	Ransom	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
565	310½	Redland	331†	-10	25.0	10.1	20.6
101	61	Rochel	71†	...	4.3	8.1	9.5
230	152	Rugby Group	162	-15	6.4	4.7	13.8
46	28	Ruflesse	39	...	...	...	5.4
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	62	+2	4.0	8.6	...
111	70	Sheffield Insl	88†	+1	5.4	8.2	22.8
79	53	Sheriff Hldgs	60	...	1.5	3.3	16.7
85	60	Shorrock	60	...	5.2	11.6	9.2
272	188	Smart (J)	197	...	7.9	5.4	7.1
15	4½	Sturmin	7	...	0.3	5.7	8.4
161	51	Tarmac	78†	-3	5.5	10.5	20.0
256	134	Tay Homes	141	...	3.3	3.0	5.8
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	53	-3	0.5	...	7.5
488	308	Tilbury Dougls	440	...	33.0	10.1	14.3
48	18	Torex Hire	21	...	0.4	2.5	...
228	165	Travis Perkins	126†	...	8.0	8.5	17.8
58	20	Try Group	21	...	0.0	...	2.7
38	31	Tudor	35	...	0.5	1.9	...
106	59	Vibroplant	62	...	3.6	7.7	9.5
91	62	Ward Group	65	...	7.2	...	2.8
58	12	Ward Hldgs	15	...	0.5	...	...
48	25	Watehouse	36	...	...	...	...
407	285	Watts Blake	331†	...	9.3	3.7	12.2
19	9	Westcla	12	...	...	...	...
128	45	Westbury	50	...	6.0	20.3	...
11	6	Wstn Scaffold	6	...	...	...	...
22	3	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
421	215	Wilson Bowdn	228	-6	8.2	4.2	14.3
222	96	Wilson (C)	124	...	3.9	4.2	19.7
180	65	Wimpey G	94	-4	...	7.4	26.1
81	43	YRM	43	...	4.0	12.4	5.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
335	343	ADT	389	...	...	...	-
283	193	Adam & Harvey	208	...	11.0	7.1	2.6
127	86	Air London	49	...	3.2	6.2	7.1
62	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
182	81	Auto Sec	116	+2	4.9	5.7	9.2
228	87	BET Ord	95	+3	...	9.1	13.9
100	46	BNB Res	51	...	4.9	12.6	6.0
283	208	BPP	285	-5	6.8	3.5	15.0
280	178	Barbour Index	280	...	7.2	4.4	18.1
30½	17	Boustead	17	...	0.7	5.6	34.1
166	111	Brk Data Mgt	130	...	...	4.0	11.3
14	9	Broadcastle	11	...	...	...	...
101	68	Brooks Service	75	...	4.0	7.2	22.3
142	86	CKT Gp	96	...	2.4	3.3	11.0
402	262	Capita Group	372	+5	5.4	1.9	21.4
34	19	Casket Plc	31	...	0.5	2.2	18.2
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	42	...	...	...	...
39	34	Christie	34	...	...	...	...
43	34	Comaca	36	...	...	...	...
31	7	Corp Services	7½	...	...	...	...
122	58	Dart	88	...	3.3	7.6	6.6
206	145	Davis Service	180	...	7.9	5.9	12.7
115	90	EW Pacia	90†	...	4.3	6.4	6.2
57	11	Gardiner	11½	...	1.3	15.1	3.6
48	21	Gardiner (DG)	34	...	...	...	...
206	163	Hays	180†	+1	4.6	3.2	-
281	167½	Hogg Robinsn	173	...	6.3	4.8	12.4
149½	43	Holmes Protectn	47	-1	...	...	...
142	98	Hutch Whamp	115	-3	...	...	16.4
9495	4837½	ISS B DKr	8662½	+12½	...	1.1	13.4
535	375	Inchcape	488	+7	12.3	3.3	20.5
660	561	Johnson Clean	601	...	28.7	5.7	12.5
19½	3½	Lep	3½	...	...	...	...
210	168	Mitie Gp	186	...	3.7	2.0	13.9
937	682	Manpower	885	-65	...	...	...
53	31	NMW Comps	42	...	...	...	...
44	34	Michael Page	35†	...	1.8	6.9	9.3
189	80	Pennas	80	...	2.0	1.4	47.9
9	4	Prime People	4½	...	...	...	...
398	73	Prowdtion Alst	74	+1	19.5	26.1	1.6
450	387	RCO	390	...	12.6	4.6	13.0
183	130	REA	130	...	4.0	4.1	...
81	48	Reed Executive	48	...	...	...	...
180	117	Reliance Secs	160	...	...	3.8	15.6
13	4	Regentinsure	4	...	...	...	...
163	134	Rentokil	174	+2	1.4	1.3	25.6
228	180	Rolfe & Nolan	225	+1	8.2	3.7	14.1
304	234	Salvesen (C)	300	...	7.0	3.1	17.7
43	30	Scott Pickford	33	...	0.0	3.6	8.3
172	98	Securiguard	130	...	8.5	7.8	8.2
12	1½	Select Appt	4½	...	...	...	...
625	585	Serco Gp	600	+8	11.9	2.4	19.3
382	232	Sherwd Cmps	322	+1	...	...	...
157	92½	Streetly	102	...	5.9	4.3	10.7
360	270	Warner Howrd	288	...	3.3	2.3	20.6
50	34	Wegac	38	-1	...	...	...
12	7½	Wills Gp	9½	...	0.2	1.4	12.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
220	162	Allied Colloids	184	+1	3.9	2.7	15.5
494	413	Amersham	490	+4	12.5	3.4	19.8
31½	6	Anglo Utd	6½	...	0.8	17.4	...
8800	7082½	BASF DM	8100	-380	...	0.1	...
260	201	BTP	224	...	8.6	5.3	15.0
1307	9030	Bayer DM30	9775	-400	...	3.4	...
248	191	Blagden	220	...	9.5	5.6	16.1
158	115	Brent Chems	130†	-1	7.9	7.2	83.6
480	418	Br Bio-Tech	430	-2	...	...	...
98	58	Calor Gp	88	...	3.5	9.8	9.6
173	120	Canning (W)	125	...	7.1	7.0	9.0
518	371	Courtaulds	448	+6	13.0	3.7	12.2
256	145	Croda	183	+4	7.5	5.0	15.9
211	132	Ellis & Everard	141	+3	7.0	5.6	12.6
14	7	Euro Colour	9½	...	0.6	10.2	...
48	26	Evode	30	...	3.5	14.4	...
488	342	Halstead (J)	403	-1	12.0	3.4	-
227	138	Hickson	157	-1	7.8	6.6	11.9
9737½	7377½	Hoechst	8650	-380	...	0.5	...
1410	1062	ICI	1083	+8	55.0	6.8	20.6
658	439	Laporte	561	+8	15.9	4.5	15.1
322	164	Leigh	168	...	7.8	6.2	10.8
39	29	MTM	30	...	1.8	...	6.0
1480	1300	Norsk Hydro	1312½	-87½	...	2.6	...
490	380	Peterson Zoch	370	...	10.4	3.7	11.2
365	380	-do- 'A'	365	...	10.4	3.6	11.1
381	231	Plysu	281	...	8.6	2.8	20.2
160	130	Porvair	131	...	...	3.3	14.9
11	4½	Scotfield Speak	6½	...	...	...	...
401	329	Wardle Storeys	401	...	16.0	5.3	17.6
285	250	Wolstnhlme R	280†	...	13.0	6.6	14.5
283	168	Yorks Chem	180	...	...	5.1	16.1
373	214	Yule Catto	233†	+5	5.4	3.1	14.2

DRAPERY, STORES

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	165	Alexon	170	...	10.6	8.5	9.3
39	25	Amber Day	28	-2	3.1	13.9	-
305	180	Argos Plc	226†	+3	8.4	4.8	15.3
225	97	Ashley (Laura)	100	+5	3.1	3.5	16.6
578	390	Asprey	420	+5	10.0	3.0	17.9
340	180	Austin Reed	180	...	11.1	...	...
190	118	Beattie (J) 'A'	118	...	5.7	6.5	11.3
144	78	Bentalls	79	-7	5.4	9.1	12.5
165	86	Betterware	99	+5	...	1.0	33.6
114	22	Blacks Lels	22	...	3.3	12.1	3.7
371	136	Body Shop	170	+2	1.6	1.3	79.5
13	3	Boyes & Jackson	3	...	...	...	...
316	280	Brown (N)	358	...	6.0	2.0	17.7
124	30	Burton	41	...	2.7	...	68.8
171	151	Castors 'A'	152†	...	4.0	3.5	...
310	265	Church	288	...	12.5	6.2	22.1
281	151	Coats Viyella	188	...	7.0	4.7	22.8
163	82	Colourvision	91	...	...	...	...
361	305	Courts Furnish	313	...	8.0	2.1	15.4
258	120	Crown Eyes	138	...	6.0	5.9	6.5
97	65	Dairy Farm Intl	86†	+3	...	...	16.4
48½	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	34½	...	0.7	2.4	13.1
286	179	Dixons Grp	216	+7	6.0	3.7	21.8
492	373	Dunhill	410	-3	7.7	2.5	13.8
23	14	ERA Gp	18	...	...	...	6.8
770	580	Etyr (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.7	11.7
66	26½	Executor Furn	49	...	...	4.1	15.8
268	199	Etam	247	...	6.6	3.4	22.1
443	340	Fine Art Dev	398	...	11.0	3.7	15.7
50	34	Fired Earth Tiles	37	...	4.0	...	27.0
480	428	Formminster	443	...	12.5	3.8	9.8
30	5	French Conne	15	...	...	...	-
40	29	Gabbicci	29	...	2.0	9.1	-
50	33	Gent SR	42†	...	2.0	5.6	-
75	15	Goldsmiths Gp	24	...	1.8	10.0	...
2080	1800	GUS	1988	...	...	2.8	15.5
1615	1319	-do- 'A'	1493	-2	...	2.6	17.9
73	20	Hampden Grpe	41†	-1	2.0	6.3	6.0
263	135	Hardsone	180	-2	4.8	3.5	8.9
31	16½	Helena Plc	21	...	2.0	12.6	9.5
28	18	Heritage	19	...	...	...	...
42	35	Honeysuckle	35†	...	1.0	3.6	-
168	130	Hse of Lerose	128	...	10.3	9.9	21.3
80	40	Jacques Vert	67	...	2.0	4.0	...
493	414	Kingfisher	458	+8	12.0	3.4	15.3
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	59	...	4.0	9.0	9.9
665	405	Liberty	455†	+10	7.2	2.1	31.2
373	163	Lloyds Chem	217	-2	4.1	2.6	10.7
129	90½	MFI	118	+3	...	4.2	15.7
348	288	Marks Spencer	321	...	7.1	2.9	20.4
461	319	Menzies (John)	381	...	10.0	3.5	13.6
120	110	Moss Bros	121	...	5.0	5.5	23.3
110	57	Next	109½	+1½	0.7	0.9	21.5
89	19	Oliver (G)	22	+1	1.8	...	...
143	65	Pettos	80	+¼	2.7	4.6	9.5
107	18	Pope Groupe	24	...	4.6	...	1.6
232	203	QS Hldgs	210	-1	4.2	3.0	16.1
39	7	Ratners Group	10	...	2.4	...	...
149	110	Sherwood Op	131†	...	...	...	...
113	54	Sears	80	...	...	2.3	12.6
404	357	Smith WH 'A'	432	+10	18.4	4.1	16.1
36	15	Specialeyes	15	...	...	...	...
182	87	Storehouse	152	-1	8.6	4.4	...
258	153	T & S Stores	175†	...	5.5	4.2	11.4
48½	27	Tie Rack	48½	...	0.8	1.5	49.8
185	132	Time Products	146	...	7.5	7.0	14.0
80	47	Usher (Frank)	68	...	5.0	10.6	6.2
27	23	Vivat	27	...	...	...	14.5
50	45	Wearwise	48	...	3.5	10.4	8.0
104	53	Wickes	77	-2	...	...	...
70	28	Wtd of Leather	34	...	...	...	40.0
206	130	Wyevale	135	-13	3.7	4.5	12.2
7	3	Xuvo-vision	4	+1	...	...	3.9

ELECTRICALS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	48	AB Elect	58	...	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	162	+1	4.5	3.7	15.9
231	198	Acala	225	...	5.8	3.5	17.3
47½	6	Acton Comps	38½	+2	...	...	...
281	209	Admiral	353	...	4.8	1.8	18.0
133	94	Alba	106	...	4.7	6.1	13.3
75	7	Alphameric	15	+1½	...	...	...
44	16	Amstrad	28	-1	0.4	2.1	...
141	85	App Holo	86	+1	...	...	...
22	12	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
34½	12	Astec	20	...	...	...	...
282	219	Beales Hunter	225	...	9.2	5.5	-
20	2	Bennett & Fountn	3	...	...	...	...
380	232	BICC	241	+1	18.1	10.1	14.8
438	374	Blick	400	...	8.0	2.7	17.6
4575	1500	Borland	1788	+238	...	...	...
284	208	Bowthorpe	248	...	6.0	3.3	16.9
369½	305	BT	353½	+4	14.4	5.4	11.3
287	212	BT New	252½	+3½	14.4	5.4	10.7
9½	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	5	...	0.1	2.7	...
220	142	Burnfield	147	...	...	3.3	21.1
632	480	Cable Wireless	588	+2	13.5	3.1	16.2
14½	7	Chloride	9	...	...	...	...
308	211	CML Micros	220	...	3.7	2.2	15.7
118	62	Comptr People	65	...	5.4	...	8.3
16	9	Cranbrook	9	...	...	...	...
85½	60½	Cray Elect	73	...	...	0.9	21.1
500	331	Delta	383	+5	14.0	4.9	15.1
190	145	Denmans Ele	179	...	5.8	4.4	8.1
445	379	Domino	395	...	6.2	2.2	15.3
46	46	Dowding Mills	46	...	2.5	7.2	15.1
1015	750	Dracks	915	-2	9.4	1.4	19.8
313	239	Electrocomponts	300	+5	7.0	3.1	18.5
545	286	El Data Pst	465	-16	4.2	1.2	12.8
48	28	Electron House	33	...	2.3	9.8	12.1
29½	7	Emess	9	+½	1.0	...	...
416	282	Eurotherm	342	...	7.5	2.7	22.4
85	51	FKI	83	+1	2.3	3.7	17.9
336	227	Farnell Elect	308	+4	5.8	2.5	19.1
40	18	Feedback	27	...	...	...	...
13	2¾	Ferranti	6½	...	...	...	...
80	30	Hunt Tech	69	...	...	...	...
79	71	Forward Gpe	80	...	2.5	4.2	14.1
31	10	Forward Tech	23½	...	...	...	...
269	183	GEC	237	+7½	8.6	5.0	13.8
237	128	Graseby	155	...	10.9	9.4	13.5
605	13	Harland Simon	20	...	2.3	15.0	1.5
57	8	Hitekers	45	...	0.5	1.5	14.3
446	395	Horizon Gp	443	...	2.4	0.7	52.8
135	75	INSTEM	108	...	4.2	5.5	6.5
283	190	Jones Stroud	248	-2	8.0	4.3	12.1
21	10	Kenbury	18	...	0.3	5.0	3.8

ELECTRICITY

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	273	East Midlands	373	+4	17.1	6.1	7.5
375	266	Eastern Elect	390	+3	16.7	6.0	9.8
237½	143	Hydro-Elect	234½	+½	18.1	4.8	11.2
412	286	London Elect	396	+8	16.6	5.7	7.8
438	324	Manweb	436	+6	18.2	5.6	6.8
427	297	Midlands Elec	412	+6	17.2	5.6	8.7
431	265	Northern Elec	406	+4	18.5	5.9	7.0
443	298	Norweb	426	+6	12.7	5.5	8.4
190½	142	Scottish Power	185½	-1½	10.1	5.2	10.3
426	297	Seeboard	402	+4	17.2	5.7	7.5
471	313	Sth Wales	462	+5	19.4	5.6	7.8
419	285	Sth Western	405	+6	17.4	5.7	7.4
411	290	Southern Elec	395	+7	16.6	5.6	7.9
448	331	Yorkshire Elec	443	+4	17.2	5.3	8.4
288	180	National Power	269½	-½	9.1	4.6	9.3
295	196	PowerGen	282	+2	9.2	4.4	8.7

FINANCE, LAND

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
48	30	Aitken Hume	30	...	0.5	2.3	9.1
78	44	BWD	45	...	3.0	8.8	6.3
125	85	Baltic Plc	86	...	4.3	6.6	6.5
303	239	Caledonia	308	...	14.4	3.4	14.8
1980	1200	Camellia	1330†	...	37.0	3.0	12.3
300	203	Candover	208	...	9.5	5.4	19.4
61	40	Finsbury	40	+1	...	...	...
151	105	Govett	120	+1	...	11.1	2.9
11	8½	IFICO	9½	...	...	...	...
135	95	Ivory Sime	100½	...	5.7	7.6	10.6
8½	4½	LIT	5	...	...	...	...
165	35	Lightship	36	+1	...	...	1.7
154	110	Lon Forfaitnge	123	...	7.6	8.3	10.3
104	76	Manakin	86	...	4.0	6.2	18.1
7	1¼	Nat Home Loan	2½	+¼	...	...	...
39	24	Newmarket	34	...	...	...	...
309	179	Rathbone Br	204	...	...	3.1	15.1
17	9½	Rutland Tst	10	...	0.8	11.0	5.5
218	120	S & U	182	+2	...	5.5	7.2
46	31	Silverdines	36	...	...	10.5	...
23	24	Singer & Fried	24	...	3.5	8.2	8.3
682	575	Sothebys	621	...	...	5.7	...
87	72	SP Capital	84	...	3.8	4.8	15.2
380	280	Tempkin Gath	380	+3	...	...	14.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1337½	1013½	Amer Express	1225V	-6½	...	...	...
232	148	Electra	164	-1	8.4	2.3	22.3
795	528	Henderson Ad	618	+8	42.0	8.5	12.8
36	20	Invesco MIM	22	...	...	5.6	10.6
198	130	Jardine Stgc	162	...	...	3.6	6.4
141	103	MAI	127†	...	6.0	5.8	-
339	244	MAM	316	+18	11.5	5.0	12.2
482	430	M & G	390	+4	19.0	4.8	14.1
139	81	Smith New Crt	94	-1	4.5	6.4	3.6
96	87	Sterling Trst	97	...	5.0	...	8.5

FOODS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
479	362	AB Food	428	+1	...	4.8	9.1
62	22½	ASDA Group	35	-½	2.1	7.4	9.8
39	31	Albert Fisher	37	...	3.2	11.5	3.9
352	272	Argyll	344	+4	9.7	3.8	14.3
21	12	Ashley Group	15	-1	1.9	...	2.1
150	103	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	7.0	7.7	22.5
265	242	Banks (S C)	148	...	8.2	7.6	7.3
369	278	Barr (AG)	346	...	9.4	3.5	14.6
117	74	Bensons Crisps	78	...	2.8	3.1	7.9
27½	10	Berisford Intl	10½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Bio Boissons	11†	...	...	...	...
480	313	Booker	373	...	21.7	7.0	11.1
45	26	Borthwick	29½	...	1.1	5.0	20.6
450	294	Brake Bros	403	+4	5.7	1.9	17.3
36	21	Budgens	21	...	...	...	11.0
469	412	Cadbury-Schw	435	-3	12.5	3.8	16.0
107	64	Carrs Milling	90	+3	3.0	7.5	...
186	7	Clarke Foods	8.4	...	...	...	4.3
170	140	Clifford Fd 'A'	128	+2	11.5	12.3	8.3
182	140	Conewicke	155	...	7.5	6.5	10.5
12	11	Culless	12	...	0.5	5.6	6.4
469	362	Dalgety	434	+6	...	6.5	16.4
34	20	Danish S	28	-1	0.2	1.1	31.8
258	174	Dareyakes	257	...	3.0	2.5	16.6
12	7	Farringford	7	-1	...	...	...
91	58	Finlay (James)	60	...	4.1	9.5	10.9
80	73	Fyffes	73	...	...	2.1	10.0
400	259	Geest	309	-1	7.9	3.5	11.6
12	7	Global	7	...	0.5	9.8	6.2
150	81	Harlewood Fds	116	...	6.1	7.0	7.0
148	68	Hilldown	95	-2	8.5	12.6	5.6
61	27	Hunter Saphir	28	...	2.5	11.9	...
566	412	Iceland Frozen	528	...	8.6	2.2	14.0
142	103	IJJ Group	110	...	4.5	5.5	13.2
701½	334	Kwik Save	636	+6	14.7	2.8	14.7
260½	189	Low (Wm)	222	...	8.4	5.1	9.8
74	29	Matthews (B)	40	...	4.5	...	8.5
23	9	Merchant Retail	12	...	1.1	12.2	11.4
132	83½	Morrison (W)	121†	+4	...	0.7	20.5
516	318	Nichols (JN)	468	...	12.3	2.6	12.3
317½	215	Ndn Foods	241	-6	...	4.8	13.6
48	10	Nthmbrn Fds	25	...	0.7	4.3	9.6
196	132	Nurdin Peack	150	...	3.5	4.9	10.2
209	78	Park Foods	159	...	3.2	2.7	18.0
155	45	Perkins Food	48	-4	4.8	8.1	5.6
12	4	Parmigano	4	...	...	...	...
299	130	RHM	241	...	13.2	7.4	9.8
3½	1¼	Regina Hldgs	1½	...	...	...	...
482	337	Sainsbury J	468	+5	8.7	2.5	18.6
61	38	Sunny Farm	48	...	1.0	2.8	11.8
240	175	Stone Food	176	...	11.2	8.5	7.4
415	265	Tate & Lyle	395	-6	11.2	4.4	9.4
266	194½	Tesco	228†	+5	6.5	3.7	10.8
230	151	Thornton	183	...	3.6	2.4	13.3
133	85	Treatte	105	-2	3.4	4.4	11.5
290	193	Unigate	254	...	15.3	8.0	8.5
440	222	Utd Biscuits	380	+2	15.3	6.0	10.2
18	12	Usborne	16	...	0.4	3.3	9.8
287	226	Watson & Phil	235	...	12.8	7.3	10.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk Ho	16	...	...	...	...
71	62	City Centre Rest	67	+2	1.4	2.9	10.8
282	112	Forte	154†	-5	9.9	8.6	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	97	...	3.5	7.7	5.8
12	5½	Harmony Leisr	6	...	...	...	...
267	126	Ladbroke	159†	-2	11.1	9.4	13.1
51	37½	Mandarin Orntl	51†	+1	...	5.7	15.8
44	20	Queens Moat	35	-½	2.9	11.0	4.7
115	51½	-do- 7.3% cvpr	54	...	7.5	18.5	...
8	3	Regal Hotels	3†	...	...	...	...
65½	31	Resort Hotels	34	+1	3.4	13.5	4.3
645	430	Savoy Hotel 'A'	435	-2	7.0	2.2	77.2
48	23	Stakis	31	-1	...	...	...
37	23	Stakis	28	-½	0.0	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
190	135	AAF Inds	163	...	...	6.1	8.6
539	480	AAH	533	...	16.3	4.2	16.3
203	133	AIM	133	...	6.5	6.5	9.4
130	36	APV	78	+½	3.4	9.2	14.1
165	50	ASW	78	+1	3.0	...	14.4
139	90	Adwest	118	+1	3.0	8.3	-
53	5	Aerospace Eng	5	...	1.9	26.7	3.0
397	253	Airsprung	346	...	7.5	2.9	10.9
115	90	Alexdra W	80	...	3.6	6.0	43.3
22	13½	Allied Radio	13½	...	...	...	...
443	388	Alumasc	408	...	11.0	3.6	12.5
82	20	Alvis	21	...	2.2	14.0	6.6
480	308	Amber Ind	380	...	12.0	4.0	11.1
23	13	Amberley Gpe	17	...	1.0	2.8	32.1
183	125	Andrews Sykes	130	+5	4.4	4.5	...
680	523	Anglovaal	650	+2	...	3.0	15.3
41½	29½	Armour	39½	+½	1.6	5.3	-
169	123	Ash & Lacy	125	...	6.4	7.1	9.5
17	1½	Ast Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	3.0	...
482	300	Avon Rubber	422	...	16.5	5.2	20.8
175	133	Assoc Nurse	150	...	...	...	5.7
589	495	Atlas Equipe	503†	...	21.0	5.5	13.4
68	36	Ayrshire Metal	50	...	...	...	...
163	107	BBA	120	-1	7.5	8.1	15.8
53	26	BLP Group	28	...	...	...	...
417	88	BM Gp	95†	-1	5.0	10.0	-
734	580	BOC	703	+5	22.8	4.2	25.2
68½	51½	BSG	60½	+½	3.2	7.1	16.2
408	286	BSS Group	342	+2	...	6.7	11.2
397	385	BTR	481	+1	16.5	4.6	16.0
171	115	BWI	148	-3	6.7	5.7	-
70	31½	Babcock	39½	+½	3.1	12.2	4.3
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	3½	...	...	...	...
246	195	Baird (Wm)	225	...	8.9	5.4	14.2
1037½	636½	Barlow Rand	658½	-68	...	5.8	8.3
45	11	Barron (F)	11	...	2.6	...	28.4
82	43	Baynes (Charles)	42	...	1.3	4.3	13.4
35	15	Beauford	19	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham	6½	...	0.5	7.8	...
31	10	Bedford (W)	15	...	...	...	...
29½	13	Benson Group	17½	...	0.1	0.8	16.4
595	444	Betpak	508	...	19.0	2.4	20.3
181	112	Bibby (J)	120†	...	...	10.8	8.2
144	84	Billam (J)	120	...	4.2	4.3	8.1
58	28	Bilston Surrns	41	...	...	...	24.3
7½	3½	Bimec Ind	6	...	0.6	14.0	1.1
38	28	Black Arrow	27	...	2.1	10.4	11.7
33	29	Hampson Ind	28	...	2.3	8.4	10.0
244½	186½	Hanson	223½	...	11.0	6.9	12.0
227	138	Harris (Philip)	216	...	6.2	3.8	15.2
157	104	Harrison Cmfld	123†	-5	8.0	9.6	21.6
40	33	Havelock Euro	35	...	1.5	...	...
4½	3	Hawthorn Lesa	3½	-½	...	...	...
41	17	Hay (Norman)	20	...	1.1	...	...
38	18	Headway	18†	...	0.7	5.2	-
439	211	Hepworth	226	+2	14.8	8.4	9.4
164	116	Hewitt (J)	127	...	2.5	2.4	10.6
225	153	High-Point	154	...	7.5	...	5.9
167	89	Hill & Smith	98	...	...	8.1	10.1
9	3	Hobson	3½	...	...	...	...
100	70	Holders Techs	79	...	6.0	11.8	9.3
59	28	Hopkinsons	32	...	3.2	...	9.0
232	178	Hornby	178	...	9.0	6.7	14.0
12½	6½	Hospital Crp	10½	-½	...	10.2	2.8
87	32	Howden	42	...	2.0	6.2	7.4
261	153	Hunting	158	...	10.0	8.4	10.3
170	201	Huntigh Tnco	195†	+2	4.5	0.8	27.5
180	220	IMI	222	-1	19.0	5.9	13.7
63	49	ISA Intl	74	...	1.3	2.5	14.2
180	127	Inserrate Gpe	133	...	2.0	2.0	17.6
258	175	Isotron	123	...	3.9	2.8	-
289	289	Jenkins Math	389	+12	...	2.5	13.2
486	317	Johnson Mathy	484	...	9.6	2.1	18.6
75	44	Johnson & FB	49½	...	3.0	8.1	13.2
202	119	Johnston	128	-16	0.0	...	5.6
62	14	Jones Shipmnt	18	...	...	...	...
58	23	Jourdan (T)	23	...	1.3	8.0	...
54	29	Kalamazoo	31½	...	...	8.9	25.9
113½	78	Kalon	97½	-½	3.2	4.4	15.8
458	288	Kelsey Ind	288	...	20.0	12.4	4.5
580	435	Kenshaw (A)	455	...	27.0	7.9	23.6
73	44	Kleen-Eze	46	...	...	...	...
37	30	LGW	34	...	1.1	2.8	18.8
345	239	Laird	249	+3	...	5.5	12.1
173	65	Lee (Arthur)	96	+2	5.5	5.2	60.0
118½	86	Lilleshall	96	...	4.0	5.6	10.2
85	71	Linread	83†	...	5.1	8.2	11.8
6½	3	Lincoln Hse	4½	...	...	...	...
180	61	Linread	66†	...	3.5	...	9.3
200	129	Linton Park	130	...	13.0	13.3	21.8
36	13½	Lionheart	14	...	0.3	2.9	14.5
18	10	Locker (T) A	12	...	1.0	10.3	40.9
316	157½	Lon Intl	186	-3	9.4	6.8	11.1
180	57	Lonrho	62	+3	13.0	...	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	287	...	9.1	4.2	15.8
350	200	MS-Cavalier	247	-5	8.5	4.6	19.4
155	109½	-do- pf	133½	-2	7.2	7.1	...
54	14	ML Hldgs	20	-1	...	12.3	15.7
38	19	MS Intl	30	...	2.5	11.1	27.5
42	31	MY Holdings	35	...	4.5	1.9	41.9
198	171	Macfarlane	188	...	4.2	3.0	17.8
357	220	McKechnie	315	...	14.7	6.2	10.3
139	72	McLeod Russel	82	...	5.8	9.5	11.8
12½	6½	Maddox	7½	...	...	...	...
88	55	Magnolia	62	...	5.4	...	43.4
98	71	Mang Bronze	71	...	1.9	1.9	51.1
74½	15	Marling	21	...	0.3	1.9	...
115	87	Mayborn	96	...	4.2	5.8	8.2
38	21	Mayflower	33†	...	...	1.6	16.3
361	158	Medeva	195	...	1.5	1.0	19.3
108	66	Meggitt	88	+2	3.6	5.9	12.2
128	90	Metalrax	105†	...	...	4.5	13.6
137	87	Metrix	97	-7	6.4	6.7	12.4
51	28	Midshire	44	...	3.0	14.3	4.6
22½	15	Mining & Ald	18½	...	0.0	0.5	...
365	286	Molins	326†	...	12.7	5.2	8.6
328	239	Morgan Cble	280	+8	12.6	5.0	13.8
128	79	Morris Ashby	128	...	4.7	4.9	12.6
31	11	Neepsend	18	...	1.5	11.1	...
75	40	Norton-BMA	40	...	3.1	10.5	6.5
126	80	Nobo Gp	94	+1	3.5	5.0	11.5
164	62	Norcros	91	-4	7.0	10.3	14.3
56	26	Novo Group	29	...	...	...	...
485	250	Nu-Swift	320	...	20.8	8.3	8.8
42	34	Office Elec Mac	39	...	0.1	0.3	...
18	10	OIG Intl	17½	...	1.7	13.3	...
155	136	PCT	140	...	7.0	6.7	12.7
51	48	Paper Systems	48	...	...	7.8	...
147	94	Pentland	140	...	2.2	2.1	20.1
392	280	Photo-Me	304	-1	4.4	1.8	-
168	67	Pilkington	78	+2	6.0	10.3	14.1
34	22	Platon	30	+4	...	...	...
58	39	Plenitbrook	36†	...	...	7.1	8.2
147	95	Polypipe	114	+2	1.9	2.3	-
494	395	Portals	418	...	13.8	4.5	13.2
65	34	Porter Chadbrn	36	+1	2.5	9.3	8.9
14	1½	Porth Gpe	1½	...	...	...	...
288	204	Powerscreen	220	...	6.0	3.0	10.3
31	15½	Prospect Inds	16½	...	0.4	3.3	6.1
41	16½	RFS Group	28	-1	2.0	...	9.3
180	70	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	6.1	17.2
77	31	Ramco Oil	34	...	2.0	3.6	52.8
772	444	Rank Org	521	-1	31.0	7.9	14.6
39	6	Ransome	15	...	...	...	...
709	525	Reckitt Colm	613	+10	15.1	3.3	14.3
9½	3½	Reco	3½	...	...	...	12.2
188	113	Relyon	113	...	4.9	5.8	14.7
294	248	Renishaw	285	...	6.5	3.1	-
58	44	Renold	56	...	1.0	2.4	...
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	½	...	...	...	...
138	103	Black (Peter)	108	...	2.9	3.6	13.3
119	82	Blackwd Hodge	115	...	...	...	...
486	308	Bodycote	469	...	8.2	2.6	16.5
502	348	Boots	456	-1	12.4	3.6	18.2
86	41	Booth Inds	45	...	3.5	6.5	2.8
865	625	Bowater	820	-28	...	3.6	18.7
1570	985	Bowater Inc	1006†	-7	...	...	...
170	126	Bramner Inds	157	...	...	3.0	15.1
30	13	Breway	15½	...	0.5	5.0	14.0
324	202	Bremner	206	...	13.0	8.4	14.2
33	20	Bridgend Gp	20	-2	1.2	8.8	7.7
83	34	Bridon	51	-1	4.0	...	...
92	38	Bridport-Gndry	51	...	4.1	10.2	7.0
33	23	Brierley Inv	27	...	...	11.0	-
543	385	Br Bldg & Eng	315	...	...	...	...
42	28	Br Bloodstock	42	...	...	...	...
405	365	Br Polythene	405	...	6.0	3.0	12.2
80	45	Br Steel	65½	+2	4.5	9.6	28.5
102	48	Br Syphon	48	...	3.8	4.4	7.8
13	10	Br Thornton	11	...	...	...	...
284	212	Br Vita	218	-6	...	4.3	14.4
685	439	Broken Hill	493	...	...	3.5	26.6
129½	71	Bromsgrve Ind	79½	-1½	4.8	6.7	9.1
15	3	Brooke Tool	4½	...	0.2	...	...
85	41	Brown & Tawse	50	...	4.7	12.5	...
175	91	Bullough	104	-1	6.0	7.8	10.2
37	13	Bustock Techt	14	...	...	...	16.0
35	15	CI Group	20	...	2.0	14.3	7.9
10½	2½	Cabon Lx	2½	...	0.1	...	...
26	20	Campbell & Arm	20	...	2.0	13.3	...
30	2½	Cannon St	2½	...	3.3	...	...
210	161	Cape	168	...	10.5	8.3	10.0
154	136	Carclo Eng	134	...	7.8	7.8	11.5
2150	1625	Carrauld Mil	2150	...	...	4.0	7.1
80	53	Cassidy Bros	66	...	2.4	4.8	7.3
185	119	Castings	175	...	4.0	3.1	12.1
140	96	Chamberlin Hill	103	...	6.0	7.8	6.6
550	407	Charter Cons	520	+8	21.5	5.5	12.5
380	300	Chemring	650	...	28.6	4.8	10.5
128	95	Chelsfam Gpe	102	...	4.9	6.4	21.3
39	16	Chillington	23	...	0.5	2.0	...
178	90	Christies Int	102	+1	3.3	...	65.0
53	33	Clayhithe	38	...	2.5	8.8	...
140	65	Clayton Son	120	...	3.0	3.3	...
7	¾	Co Designsms	7	...	0.2	...	...
450	305	Cohen (A)	330	...	10.0	...	...
267	188	Community H	246	...	6.5	4.4	12.2
383	253	Concentric	346	-1	11.1	4.3	17.9
40	23	Cont Stationery	30	...	2.4	8.4	7.8
230	142	Cook (Wm)	155	...	10.0	8.6	6.5
170	100	Cookson	148	...	6.0	5.4	20.8
40	35	Copymore	35†	...	2.7	10.3	6.8
240	126	Crowd Fkr 'A'	197†	...	5.7	3.9	-
172	125	Coxall	125	...	10.2	11.5	9.6
230	180	Creighton Nlo	195	...	7.0	4.8	11.3
30	20	CrestaCare	25†	...	8.7	3.7	16.1
2608	1496½	Dana	2299½	+6½	...	...	...
253	188	Danks Bs Sys	205	...	3.7	3.4	7.1
11	5	Davies (DV)	5	...	...	...	...
658	474	De La Rue	610	-2	15.0	3.2	20.4
23	10	Dinkis Heel	19	...	0.9	6.4	8.9
395	263	Diploma	300	-5	8.7	3.9	17.8
63	48	Dobson Park	56	...	5.7	12.7	8.7
158	90	Dyson (JBJ)	90	...	5.8	7.4	12.9
96	54	-do- 'A'	57	...	5.8	11.7	8.2
16	10	ERG	12	...	...	...	...
438	300	EIS	371	...	11.7	4.2	13.7
38	12	EIT Gpe	18†	...	...	...	...
83	10	Elbief	13	...	...	...	...
57	35	Elco	38	...	...	...	...
2300	1700	Electrolux 'B'	1725½	-22½	...	8.0	16.4
36	3	Elliott (B)	3†	...	...	...	...
488	330	Eng China Cl	425†	-6	20.0	6.3	14.6
1485½	900	Ericsson 'B'	1180	-25	...	3.2	31.5
91	60	Erskine Hse	74	...	6.6	12.0	5.4
81	30	Eurocopy	33	...	4.0	17.8	2.1
133	39	Expamet	43†	...	10.3	...	3.1
402	302	Fairey Group	430†	...	9.0	2.8	14.3
109	68	Fenner	68	...	8.5	...	28.8
1½	½	Ferrumate	½	...	...	...	...
91	33	Ferrum	33	...	...	...	...
58	45	Ffe Indone	46	...	...	...	...
435	143	Flaxon	206	+2	8.7	3.7	14.7
81	30	Finnelasm	61	...	11.7	...	...
393	245	Flogas	285	...	4.0	8.5	...
55	45	Folkes Group nv	45	...	2.3	7.0	9.1
73	36	French (Thomas)	40	...	3.6	10.2	15.3
483	302	Frost Group	438	+1	12.0	3.6	14.8
125	64	GEI Int	80	...	7.3	15.0	18.1
438	301	GKN	328	-1	18.5	7.6	22.0
15	13	GR Hldgs	13	...	...	5.4	6.5
130	37	Garton Eng	60	...	7.0	...	...
144	93	Gestetner	130	...	8.2	8.1	30.6
85	25	Glevet	28	...	...	...	...
963	682	Glaxo	771	-6	17.8	2.9	23.3
23	14	Gleneherwood	14	...	...	...	...
283	189	Glynwed	239	-2	11.6	6.9	22.3
97	68	Goode Durrant	76	...	5.4	9.5	13.3
199	90	Grampian Hd	90	...	5.5	8.3	11.4
288	192	Granada	262	+3	7.0	3.6	21.4
286	235	Great Nthrns	253	...	10.0	5.3	10.0
135	85	Green (Ernest)	85	...	7.0	11.2	-
11	6	Greenacres	9†	...	0.3	3.7	9.6
10	6	Guardian Gpe	6	...	...	...	...
128½	26	Haden MacLn	35½	-½	8.0	...	3.3
46	44	Hadleigh Inds	44	...	1.2	3.6	...
189	110	Hall Eng	111	...	8.6	10.4	9.9
12	3	Halls Homes	7½	...	...	...	...
184	148	Halma	184	+1	2.2	1.6	24.1
1282	982	Reuters	1284	...	17.0	1.8	22.7
37	27½	Rexmore	28	...	1.7	8.3	6.0
101	56	Ricardo Intl	68†	...	5.7	11.2	17.5
81	50	Richard (Leic)	51†	-1	4.4	11.5	5.1
85	51	Richardsns West	54	...	2.9	7.2	12.0
130	85	Rotork	106	-1	8.2	10.6	7.4
122	95	-do- 'A'	102	...	8.2	10.8	7.3
47½	27	Rose Gp	27†	...	0.4	3.6	12.6
398	258	Rotork	353	...	10.0	3.8	16.3
132	85	Robinson	105	-2	...	...	...
100	62	Russell (A)	62†	...	2.1	4.6	32.7
20	14	SEP Inds	18	...	...	4.8	...
1230	712½	SKF 'B'	785½	...	...	5.7	...
14	3	Sale Tilney	3½	...	...	...	...
280	180	Sanderson Elec	231	...	8.7	5.0	8.3
56	32	Savage	34	...	0.2	1.0	-
48	25	Saville Gordn J	33	...	2.2	8.9	13.7
202	158	Scapa	189	...	5.3	3.8	14.5
286	198	Schol	208	...	8.0	3.8	14.9
27	2½	Scot Heritable	2½	...	...	...	...
853	645	Securicor	848	...	2.3	0.4	30.9
652	480	-do- 'A'	548	...	2.3	0.6	25.2
522	367	Security Serv	464	-1	4.4	1.3	28.8
88	59½	Senior Eng	72½	...	3.1	5.9	11.8
316	258	Seton Hithcr	270	...	5.1	2.5	18.1
72	31	Sheldon Jones	53	...	...	...	...
146	94	Siebe	91	...	2.7	4.0	15.6
332	183	Sidlaw	271	...	9.0	4.4	13.5
365	255½	Siebe	343	-4	...	3.5	15.2
240	188	Silentnight	188	...	8.0	5.4	10.9
96	60	Sime Darby	69	...	...	4.5	-
304	126	Simon Eng	127	-1	15.7	17.2	16.1
250	196	Sinclair (Wm)	196	...	6.7	4.6	11.5
53	27	Six Hundred	35	...	2.5	9.5	...
169½	127	Smith & Neph	153†	+3	4.4	3.8	18.9
580	390	Smiths Inds	507	+4	7.7	2.0	21.6
508	353	Smithkline Cls	447	...	...	2.2	19.0
330	255	Smiths Ind	325	+6	10.7	4.4	12.2
121	86	Sths Inst	87	...	2.0	4.5	7.8
350	230	Spandex	275	...	6.0	2.9	13.9
380	230	Spear (JW)	340	...	10.0	3.9	10.5
325	231	Spirax-Sarco	277†	...	9.0	4.3	16.4
181	100	Spring Ram	132	+2	8.2	8.3	17.4
146	73	Stag Furniture	75	...	6.5	...	7.0
37	18	Stainless Metals	23	...	...	...	...
48	21	Star Comp	34	...	...	...	...
200	130	Staveley	196	...	...	...	...
131	102	Sterling Ind	117	...	8.2	5.5	10.8
14½	4	Stonehill	9	...	5.8	6.4	16.8
145	73	Suter	83	...	...	...	...
280	160	Swire Pacific 'A'	274	+4	...	2.5	22.5
19	6	Symonds	7	...	...	...	8.3
380	285	Syltone	365	...	9.4	4.9	11.8
172	98	T & N	138	-1	10.8	10.6	25.9
372	251	TI	309	...	10.2	4.4	16.6
23	10	TLS Rangee	12	...	...	5.6	...
239	187	TT Group	197†	-1	5.5	3.7	12.6
221	178	Talare	200	-1	1.5	1.0	21.1
626	485	Takeda Chem	577	-15	...	0.8	15.3
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	26	+2	...	...	...
95	14	TGH	14	...	...	10.1	5.6
87	53	Tinsley (Eliz)	59	...	5.2	11.8	8.3
170	85	Thyne	131	...	3.2	3.3	11.5
279	202½	Tomkins	240	-4	...	2.9	17.7
165	39	Trafalgar H	69½	-1	...	9.4	4.9
161	36	-do- 'A'	62½	-1	...	...	...
314½	266½	Transfer Tech	348	...	...	3.1	9.4
175	135	Triplex Lloyd	140	...	7.0	6.7	10.8
238	165	UniChem	200	-1	5.0	3.2	15.3
330	259	Unicare	280†	...	...	7.1	10.6
34	8½	Unigroup	12	-1	...	...	...
1082	866	Unilever	1025	-6	18.9	2.5	16.8
6837½	5375	Unilever (NV)	6837½	-62½	...	3.0	11.3
495	265	VSEL	440	+2	25.0	7.6	5.2
15	2½	Verson	5	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	90†	...	6.0	...	20.4
488	277	Victualic	286	...	...	3.4	11.6
350	251	Vinten	257	...	6.6	3.2	12.6
394	348	Vosper Thorny	393	...	13.1	4.4	9.3
68	36½	WSP Hldgs	47	...	2.9	6.4	6.2
487	340	Wagon Ind	438	...	17.0	5.2	16.4
48	45	Walker Greenbk	52	...	3.1	7.9	12.1
195	118½	Wassall	184	+3	...	1.4	21.1
36	15	Winford Wgend	15	...	...	...	...
379	435	Weir	391	+1	10.5	2.5	16.0
1174	777	Wellcome	972	-3	10.0	1.4	29.2
34	26	Wellman	29½	...	2.2	10.5	8.0
430	390	Whatman	410†	...	15.7	2.6	14.8
330	200	Whessoe	200	-1	...	...	16.0
34	13	Whewey	15	...	2.0	17.8	8.0
145	15	Whitecroft	23	+1	4.0	24.2	4.4
12	6	Whitney	6	...	...	5.4	6.5
187	72	Wilkes (James)	72	...	7.0	...	...
379	222	Williams Hldg	266	-1	10.0	...	...
18½	8	Wilshaw	14½	...	12.3	6.3	13.2
479	287	Wolseley	387	-1	12.1	4.8	15.8
128	100	Wood (Arthur)	100	...	4.1	5.5	10.8
80	38	Wyko	47	...	2.8	8.3	20.8
78	38	Young (H)	40	...	6.0	20.8	9.8

INSURANCE

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1660½	1025	Alex & Alex	1506½	-107½	...	3.8	...
2000½	2250	Am Gen	2812½	-18½	...	4.3	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	33	+2	...	11.1	7.2
168	83	Bradstock	116	...	4.7	5.5	13.7
986	782	Britannic	986	...	29.5	4.1	...
540	402	Com Union	518	+4	23.6	6.1	...
31	19	FAI	22	...	...	...	...
534	396	Gen Accident	480	-8	26.7	7.3	...
166	108	GRE	151	+1	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	291	+3	25.8	11.9	9.9
188	104	Hogg Gp	126†	+4	8.1	8.6	7.7
338	192	JIB Group	136†	...	...	7.4	10.0
423	287	Legal & Gen	347	+14	18.8	7.2	...
748	557	Liberty Life	657	-3	...	6.7	16.0
447	285	Lloyds Abbey	330	+5	17.3	6.9	11.2
238	160	Lloyd Thomp	209†	...	8.6	3.6	15.4
280	200	Londn & Man	236	+2	13.5	7.6	17.8
354	224	Lowndes Lmb	268	...	12.6	6.5	10.0
5269½	3931½	Marsh McLn	5293½	-48½	...	3.0	...
154	109	Oriel	160	...	5.0	6.2	7.0
81	30	PWS	34	...	4.0	9.9	11.0
258	190	Prudential	266	-2	11.8	5.5	23.2
929	564	Refuge	640†	...	29.0	5.7	30.5
223	118	Royal	181	-2	11.2	...	...
340	100	Sedgwick	140	+9	6.0	5.7	12.8
380	182	Steel Burrill	183	-1	13.2	9.8	11.4
332	53	Sturge Hldgs	208	...	8.2	12.8	5.3
335½	214	Sun Alliance	291†	+8	14.2	6.5	...
37	20	Trade Indemnty	30	...	...	...	...
197	146	Transatlantic	168	...	...	9.5	11.7
420	305	Utd Friendly	398	+1	12.3	4.1	20.1
234	144	Willis Corroon	230	+4	13.2	8.4	18.5
21	14	Windsor	17	...	...	...	62.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1438	1218	Alliance	1360	+1	43.0	4.2	31.2
196	152	Amer Trust	178	-1	4.8	3.6	37.7
281	229	Ang & O'seas	263	+3	6.4	3.3	39.4
118	99½	B&W Conv	105	...	7.8	9.9	12.3
133	104	Bankers	113	-½	...	4.1	32.9
254	210	Baring Tribne	233	+3	6.2	3.5	37.5
172	117	Berry Starq	120	-1	2.0	2.2	40.5
88½	77½	Br Assets	88½	...	...	6.8	19.7
57	46½	Br Empire Sec	51	-½	0.8	2.2	49.8
37	8½	-do- Wnts	11	...	...	...	...
159½	123	Br Inv	140	+1	4.5	4.3	35.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	City & Comm	1360	+10	...	...	...
166	125	Contl Assets	136	+1	1.2	1.2	48.9
230	165	Derby Inc	176	+1	18.4	...	9.6
200	140	-do- Cap	145	+10	...	...	...
91	65	Drayton Asia	71	...	0.7	1.2	...
98	60	-do- Blue Chip	62	+1	...	14.5	8.7
186	144	-do- Cons	184	+2	14.0	10.1	12.5
57	28	-do- Eng Intl	34	-1	1.2	5.2	45.4
93	61	-do- Far East	74	...	0.6	1.1	26.8
92½	56	-do- Korea	64	-2	...	...	...
602	473	Dunedin Inc G	520	-2	25.4	6.4	21.4
532	402	-do- Wwde	448	-3	9.5	2.9	43.5
278	200	Dundee & Lon	217	+2	12.0	7.4	10.2
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	37†	+1	4.8	17.6	6.7
58	40½	-do- Div Ff	47½	-½	...	...	...
287	198	Edinburgh	236	+3	8.0	4.8	22.4
133	107	Electric Gen	119	+1	3.1	3.5	37.9
77	65	English Scot	73	...	...	...	...
234	186	European Assets	199	...	...	3.3	21.8
60	70½	Fleming Amer	71	-1	3.0	5.6	22.8
238	162	Fleming Amer	193	-1	1.2	0.9	...
385	302	-do- Claver	339	+2	10.5	4.2	33.2
330	173	Da Contl	197	+1	2.8	1.9	77.4
162	119	-do- Emrg	124	...	4.5	4.8	27.8
197	157	-do- F East	192	+2	1.5	1.0	...
271	190	-do- Fldg	205	+1	3.0	2.0	...
186	88	-do- Hi Inc	98	...	5.8	8.7	15.1
188	100	-do- Japan	128	-1	...	0.7	...
257	193½	-do- Merc	215	...	6.7	4.2	30.8
196	169½	-do- Overs	186	-1	4.8	2.9	44.6
175	150	Foreign & Col	174	...	...	2.6	51.4
173	144	-do- Eurotst	158	+3	1.1	1.0	...
125	71	-do- German	85	...	0.4	0.6	...
180	134	-do- Pacific	174†	+4	1.7	1.3	...
111	79	-do- Smaller	86½	-½	1.7	2.8	42.9
288	121	GT Japan	145†	+1	...	1.1	...
189	49	Genl Cons Cap	61	...	...	...	...
123	96	-do- Inc	97	...	10.4	14.3	9.0
91	63	Govett Am Smlr	77	+2½	...	...	...
170	128	-do- Oriental	158	+1	0.9	0.8	...
218	158	-do- Strategy	177	+4	6.7	5.2	21.9
319	265	Greenfriar	288	...	6.1	2.7	36.8
3	¼	Gresham House	3	...	...	...	...
48	31	Independent Inv	41	+1	0.5	1.6	68.0
122	95	Inv Cap	100	-1	...	6.3	21.1
95	69½	Int Uk Smllr	71	-1	2.0	3.8	17.5
160	128	Kleinwort Chr	146	-1	5.0	4.6	26.7
185	137½	-do- O'seas	155	-1	3.2	2.8	46.7
121	88	-do- Smlr	87	...	...	6.1	17.2
507	433	Law Debenture	480	+4	...	4.8	25.7
315	267	Majedie	288	+2	9.0	4.0	30.6
225	176	Merchants	196†	-1	...	2.3	17.8
3395½	2437½	Merrill Lynch	2825†	-75	...	...	...
371	286	Monks Inv Tst	332	-1	6.7	2.7	44.7
99	86	Murry Grn Inc	95	-1	...	7.2	...
26	13	Do Warrants	17	...	...	...	...
285	220	Murray Income	245	-1	...	5.0	23.5

LEISURE

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	1.3	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	236	-1	...	3.2	8.7
60	18	Ald Leis	32	...	4.7	22.0	...
243	150	Anglia TV	190†	...	...	7.1	13.5
217	125	Barr & W 'A'	158	...	10.0	8.4	7.9
1000	705	Boosey Hwks	860†	...	20.0	3.0	14.5
113	70	Border TV	105	...	2.7	3.4	13.0
15½	4	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	4½	+½	2.1	...	1.0
448	285	Campari	285	...	...	5.2	7.7
226	132	Capital Radio	136	-2	5.2	5.1	16.3
279	468	Carlton Comm	660	+1	15.5	3.1	21.0
223	120	Castle Comms	120	...	8.5	9.4	6.4
1485	1050	Central TV	1470†	...	30.5	2.8	18.9
88	40	Chrysalis	55	+3	...	...	...
539	405	Compass Gp	420	...	11.4	3.6	12.4
341	274	Eurocamp	283	...	...	3.9	16.1
1043	700	Euro Disney	813	+3	...	...	...
30	1	Euro Leisure	3	...	0.7	...	...
36	11	Ex-Lands	14	+1	...	...	...
19½	2	Expedier	2	...	...	...	...
358	230	First Leisure	280	-1	8.7	3.6	10.6
350	250	GWR Gpe	302	-1	4.0	1.8	24.3
170	91	Grampian	151	...	8.5	4.0	10.6
8	[redacted]						
92	18	HTV Group	22	-1	3.7	...	...
206	50	Hi-Tec Sports	51	...	5.5	14.4	3.2
18½	2½	Kenick	4½	...	1.4	...	9.4
397	220	LWT CP	363	...	...	2.7	12.7
123	44½	Owners Abrd	73	-7½	3.2	5.8	4.5
31	19	The Pelican Gp	23	...	1.0	5.8	7.0
64	50	Prism Leisure	87	...	...	6.6	7.3
61	19	[redacted]			4.0	24.2	3.3
339	282	Radio Clyde	285	...	8.2	3.9	18.0
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	135	...	4.5	4.4	19.9
441	202½	Scot TV	436	-7	...	2.5	20.8
66	41	Southern Radio	42	...	...	...	...
191	135	Stanley Leisure	127	+1	...	4.4	10.5
13	4½	Sunleigh	4½	...	...	...	...
196	[redacted]				3.5	3.4	-
55	27	TSW	30	...	...	22.0	3.8
93	62	TV-am	70†	-1	...	20.1	4.5
22	3½	TVS	21½	-½	...	...	1.9
200	134	Thames TV	137	-1	7.5	7.3	3.8
138	82	Tottenham Hot	85	...	...	...	4.2
75	43	Trans Worldn	43	...	...	...	...
10	2	Trillion	3½	...	...	...	...
260	154	Ulster TV	266	...	7.5	3.8	10.3
50	18	Wembley	21†	...	1.8	...	...
19½	4½	Widegate	7½	...	1.5	26.7	2.5
191½	138	Yorkshire TV	128	...	12.0	11.9	4.8
136	97	Zetters Gp	97	-2	8.0	11.0	9.7

MINING

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	2000	Am Gold	2180	...	...	0.7	10.3
2287½	1037½	Ang Am Coal	1037½	-112½	...	9.3	4.7
2175	1080	Ang Am	1180	...	...	0.7	7.1
13½	7½	Anglo Pac Res	9½	...	...	...	...
130	40½	Blyvoors	56	+3	...	11.7	2.0
25	11	Bracken	18	...	...	...	1.8
386	208	Buffels	272	-3	...	14.4	6.8
4½	1	Burns	2½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	509	-6	...	3.3	-
36	11½	Cmfl Res	11½	...	1.0	11.6	17.1
1062½	381½	De Beers	687½	+3½	...	...	6.0
125	60	Deelkraal	63	-4	...	10.1	3.3
48	11½	Doornfontein	18	...	...	...	...
799	406	Driefontein	406	-11	...	7.5	8.1
375	144	Durban	147	-1	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	40	...	...	28.0	1.1
154	60	E Dagga	75	+2	...	16.2	5.9
166	94	E Rand Prop	117	-1	...	...	...
470	134	Elandsrand	136	-3	...	8.4	4.5
535	286	FS Cons	301	-10	...	17.2	3.1
33	8	FS Dev	8	...	...	...	...
1494	713	GFSA	771	-14	...	3.3	11.6
5	4½	Geevor Tin	4½	...	...	...	...
222	132	Gencor	142	+1	...	6.3	10.9
43½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	39½	-½	...	3.3	-
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	3½	...	...	...	...
69	40½	Groovld	47	...	...	...	2.1
368	62½	Harmony	123	-1	...	...	...
285½	128	Hartlee	149	-1	...	13.7	5.4
5	3	Incoa	3½	...	...	...	...
820	465	Impala Plat	532	...	...	6.4	11.5
4½	2½	Kenmare Res	4	...	...	...	...
795	282	Kinross	308	+3	...	16.6	2.5
694	325	Kloof	385	-3	...	22.2	3.8
60	21½	Leslie	24	...	...	15.1	3.3
71	17	Lorains	19	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	115	-2	...	1.9	56.0
682	359	Minorco	659	-3	...	3.0	-
211	64	Nth Kalg Mi	61	-1	...	3.3	-
1201	650	Orange Free	730	-28	...	18.8	3.4
669	460	RTZ	590	+9	19.5	4.4	17.8
1287½	880	Rand Mines	892½	...	...	11.0	1.7
250	80	Rand Min Prp	80	...	...	...	4.8
334	136	Randfontein	150	-2	...	18.4	2.1
221	146	Rustenburg	165	-1	...	2.6	17.0
1312½	925	Rustenburg	980	...	...	5.1	14.1
410	185	St Helena	220	+2	...	18.7	3.2
1287½	500	Southvaal	550	...	...	9.7	10.2
80	25	Stilfontein	32	...	...	...	...
130	43	Unisel	44	...	...	4.8	6.0
4000	1900	Vaal Reefs	1762½	-36½	...	12.6	3.0
354	165	Welkom	187	-6	...	17.4	3.9
99½	26½	Western Areas	29	-1	...	...	...
2575	737½	Western Deep	737½	-8½	...	...	...
225	130	Wstrn Mining	185	-3	...	3.5	...
630	227	Winkels	264	-2	...	...	1.9
51	26	Zambia Copper	44	-1	...	...	...
45	24	Zandpan	32	-1	...	13.1	7.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	90	Airflow Strmls	90	...	0.1	0.1	...
123	50	Appleyard	62†	...	7.8	16.8	45.8
175	130	Blatchley Mtr	130	...	8.2	7.3	9.5
146	115	Bostrum	120	...	6.0	6.3	34.7
370	100	Br Aerospace	138	-2	25.0	...	2.8
378	253	Caffyns	333	...	11.5	4.6	...
139	101	Central Mtrs	107	-1	4.0	5.0	14.4
48	15½	Cook (DC)	22	...	0.5	3.0	...
148	60	Cowie (T)	64	-1	4.8	5.8	8.3
132	90	Dag Motors	102†	...	5.7	7.4	13.2
128	85	Davepnt Vern	107	-3	4.0	5.0	12.6
231	135	ERF	138	...	4.0	4.0	...
215	163	FR Group	172	...	6.6	5.2	8.3
2037½	1500	Ford Motor	2025†	-48½	...	...	...
2550½	1681½	General Mtr	1775	...	81.6	5.3	...
89	43	Henlys	58	...	3.0	6.6	...
708	465	Honda Motor	597	-3	...	0.9	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	13	...	...	...	...
65	49	Jessups	50	...	4.5	12.0	...
225	72	Kwik-Fit	75	-3	3.3	6.0	7.4
277	175	Lex Service	201	+1	10.0	6.6	60.6
128	74	Lookers	83	...	6.2	10.0	...
153	77	Lucas	90	...	7.0	10.4	6.8
258	160	Pendragon	206	...	6.0	3.9	19.4
175	113	Perry Gp	114†	+1	9.0	10.5	20.4
130	56	Quicks Group	111	...	3.0	3.6	20.5
178	120	Rolls-Royce	129½	-½	7.2	7.5	34.3
20½	15½	Trimoco	19½	...	1.0	6.8	...
160	107	Vardy (Reg)	114	...	4.0	4.7	15.4
120	90	Wadland	116	+1	4.0	4.6	7.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
90½	73	Adscene	88	...	4.0	6.1	13.2
380	315	Black (A&C)	315†	...	13.0	5.5	18.8
378	318	Blenheim Gp	468	...	7.8	2.1	17.6
330	248	Bristol	265	...	11.5	5.8	21.7
7500	5900	Daily Mail	6775	...	119	2.3	25.6
7400	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	6675	...	119	2.4	25.2
301½	229½	EMAP	277	+2	...	3.6	18.2
788	533	Euromoney Pb	763	+3	21.5	3.9	20.2
200	155	Haynes Pub	197	...	6.0	4.1	8.3
231	140	Headline	183†	-2	10.0	2.2	20.3
185	145	Home Counts	145	...	8.2	7.6	27.4
6½	3½	Intl Bus Comm	4½	...	...	...	...
14½	8½	Intl Cm & Data	8½	...	...	...	...
370	285	Independent	363	...	...	5.3	13.1
380	289	Johnstne Pres	344	...	5.8	2.1	16.2
225	186	Metal Bulletn	224	...	7.4	4.4	18.1
125	49	Mirror Gp	58	-1	...	1.8	5.5
1098	309½	News Corp	1018	-17	...	0.4	-
515	358	News Intl	510	...	3.9	1.0	8.8
499½	297	Pearson	339	-4	...	4.6	15.9
530	340	Portsmth Sund	528	...	8.6	2.2	16.6
3	1	Princedale	1½	...	...	...	...
609	447	Reed Intl	538	-7	16.0	4.0	18.3
108	61	Southnews	99	...	1.5	2.2	26.2
66	29	Sterling Pubs	46	...	2.5	5.1	43.5
377	274	Telegraph	310	+1	...	4.3	12.2
815	569	Thomson Corp	586	...	23.2	5.7	8.9
398	222	Trinity Intl	277	+1	...	4.0	16.3
62	33	Usk Groups	37	...	...	...	...
457	323	Utd Nwspaprs	429†	-5	21.0	6.5	14.7

OILS, GAS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	8½	Aberdeen Pete	8½	...	...	...	8.7
198	11½	Aran Energy	15½	+1	...	...	...
60	23	Arcon Intl	35	...	...	...	...
48	27	Aus Oil & Gas	37	-½	...	...	...
280	20	Aviva Pet	29	-1	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	12	...	9.6	6.9	...
6	1½	Blystad	1½	...	...	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	130	-1	7.1	6.8	15.3
277½	223	British Gas	251	+2½	...	7.3	9.0
384	182	Br Petroleum	214½	-3½	...	6.5	37.4
4	1½	Bula Resources	2	...	...	...	...
667	460	Burmah Castrl	609†	-7	24.0	5.1	14.4
75	21	Cairn Energy	31	...	...	...	...
239	164	Calor Gp	197	...	12.0	8.4	12.6
10	6½	Cuspen Oil	8½	...	...	...	...
80	30	Clyde Pet	38	+5½	1.2	...	72.1
25	12	Crossroads Oils	13	...	...	...	...
16½	13	Edin Oil & Gas	13	...	...	...	...
458	287	Enterprise	427	+3	15.7	4.9	30.4
97	25	Exp Co Louis	62	...	...	...	...
35	17½	Fairhaven Intl	18½	...	...	1.3	8.0
10	5	Firstland	7†	...	...	...	...
69	34	Goal Pet	47	+2	1.2	3.5	8.9
19	5	Gt Western Res	6	...	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	103	+4	3.0	1.3	32.3
17	7½	Kelt Energy	13½	...	...	...	...
283	112	LASMO	164½	-1½	8.3	6.9	21.3
165	106	-do- Units	108	...	15.0	18.5	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res	16½	...	...	...	...
45	27	Monument	39½	...	...	...	40.4
18½	7½	New London	7½	...	...	...	...
32	32	Nth Sea Assets	32	...	0.7	4.5	5.8
37	25	Oil Search	29	...	...	...	...
11½	8	Petrol	8	+1	...	...	...
85	57	Pict Pet	82	+1	...	...	-
34	10	Premier	14½	+1	...	...	6.5
198	100	Presidio	100	...	...	5.8	...
430	303	Ranger	388	...	...	1.1	...
5850	4162½	Royal Dtch Ft	5112½	-12½	...	5.7	14.8
4380	3025	Schlumberger	3950	-87½	...	1.8	...
59	41	Scafield	48	...	...	...	...
584	438	Shell	519	-3	28.0	5.4	20.9

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
201	103	API	179	-1	...	5.8	50.3
230	123½	Arjo Wiggins	154	-2	8.3	...	12.5
430	365	Ault Wbord	390	-1	8.4	3.0	18.6
3	¼	Acats Group	1	...	...	...	...
128	16	Aegis Gp	20	+2	...	...	6.7
173	105	Aspen Comms	122	...	4.0	3.4	16.7
13	10	BBB Designs	10	...	...	...	...
230	180	Bemrose	197†	...	11.7	8.0	10.0
55	31	Birkdale	33	...	0.2	0.8	27.9
122	80	Bunzl	95	-1	4.0	5.7	21.7
246	147	CIA Gp	228	+5	3.9	2.2	15.1
48	36	Cty of Lon	41	...	3.1	10.3	9.8
40	4	Clarke Hoopers	4½	...	...	...	...
206	136	Cropper (Jms)	144	...	3.0	2.8	14.5
41	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
60	30	Delyn Pckging	45	...	1.4	4.3	12.9
149	88	Dolphin Pack	88†	-2	4.5	6.8	11.7
74½	52	Dudley Jenkins	53	...	4.0	10.1	13.3
15	9½	Elswick	11½	...	0.2	...	0.0
60	43	Fairway Group	46	...	3.1	9.1	12.2
259	211	Ferguson Intl	243	...	12.5	6.9	14.9
54	25	Filofax	45	-1	...	1.2	11.3
48	41	Firth	41†	...	...	...	4.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	5.0	13.6	9.6
258	194	Gold Greenlees	230	+2	8.3	5.0	-
50	39	Goodhead	39	...	0.5	1.7	-
10½	4½	Hunsperinx	5	...	...	...	...
3	2	IMD Group	2	...	...	...	...
30	26	Loper	27	...	...	...	11.2
263	138	More O'Ferrall	138†	...	13.2	12.6	8.5
50	28	NMC Group	29	...	1.2	5.7	7.8
117	45	Olive Hldgs	46†	-3	9.0	...	6.8
88	58	Osborne & Little	60	...	4.3	9.7	7.5
180	132	Quarto	150	...	3.2	4.0	9.8
301	231	St Ives Gp	283	+5	3.0	2.5	18.3
245	115	Saatchi	148	-3	...	...	...
754	484	Sappi	497	...	...	7.6	9.6
14½	1½	Serif	11½	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	9½	...	...	...	7.7
351	233	Smith David	274	...	9.6	4.6	15.7
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	216	...	...	0.7	7.4
15½	10½	Taylor Nelson	14½	...	...	1.4	31.1
185	80	Usher Walker	100†	...	6.0	8.0	18.8
65	43	VTR	45	...	3.4	10.1	11.5
115	31	WPP	31	...	...	...	...
185	75	Wace	75	...	8.2	14.7	8.3
212	158	Waddington (J)	178	...	7.9	5.9	13.4
480	391	Watmough	431	...	10.8	3.1	18.6
4	1	Waverley Cam	1	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Westport	2½	...	...	...	8.1
30	14	Whitney Mcke	14	...	...	...	...
79	31	Wood (SW)	32	...	0.2	0.6	...

PROPERTY

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
306	110	Sunlite Eng Sv	181	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo	13	-¼	...	...	...
82	26	Tricon Europe	29	...	...	...	6.6
172	131	Woodside	160	-2	...	2.1	...
3	1½	Abaca Groups	1½	...	...	...	...
66	28	Allied Lon	43	...	3.3	10.9	23.9
70	35	Arcadian	41	-1	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	47†	...	2.0	5.7	16.8
141	64	Avonside	89	...	...	8.7	7.1
2450	1867½	BCE	2050	...	...	...	...
478	268	Bilton	328	+5	18.0	7.4	11.6
45	28	Bourne End	28	...	1.0	4.8	...
160	108	Bradford	140	...	4.4	4.2	13.0
26	13	Bredero	15	...	...	...	1.4
275	110	Br Land	148	...	6.3	5.7	13.0
188	106	Brixton	119†	...	8.1	9.1	9.1
90	44½	Burford	48	...	0.9	2.8	24.0
125	88	Cap & Regnls	95	...	1.0	1.4	61.3
200	75	Cardiff Prop	135	...	2.4	2.4	61.5
433	105	Chesterfield	180	...	18.3	13.7	21.3
60	9	City Site Ests	16	...	1.4	...	...
20	8	Clarke Nickolls	8	...	0.5	...	1.0
22	8	Clayform	12	...	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	880	...	35.0	4.1	12.8
4½	¾	Dares Estates	1	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenham Twsn	40	-7	2.5	8.3	12.2
10	1	De Morgan	2½	...	...	...	...
135	91	Dencora	91	...	5.0	8.1	...
340	335	Derwent Hldgs	340	...	8.6	3.4	30.0
250	200	Estates Agency	200	...	...	3.4	22.5
98	6	Evans Gen	11	...	3.7	...	3.3
126	100	Evans Of Leeds	118	...	4.1	4.7	12.8
31	10	Five Oaks	10	...	...	...	...
75	35	Fletcher King	40	...	1.6	5.3	24.6
310	189	Frogmore	240	...	15.0	8.5	-
125	31	Grainger	68	+3	5.2	10.6	12.9
182	85	Gt Portland	101	-2	10.0	13.2	9.2
114	10½	Greycoat	19	...	5.5	...	...
108	63	HK Land	101†	+4	...	3.0	17.0
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	28	...	0.0	0.2	...
300	185	Hammerson	185	...	20.5	14.0	9.0
300	185	-do- 'A'	176	...	20.5	15.5	8.2
188	89	Helical Bar	104	...	4.0	5.1	...
39	20	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
173	128	Herring Baker	128	...	7.0	7.2	...
225	135	Jermyn	135	...	1.5	1.3	...
484	343	Land Sec	394	-2	21.7	7.4	12.3
82	62	Lon Merch Sec	74	...	3.6	6.6	11.8
4	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
4½	1¼	Lon Secondtion	1	...	...	...	...
411	198	MEPC	271	-3	20.0	9.8	9.3
6	3	McInerney A	3	...	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	95	...	6.7	9.8	8.8
20	6	Markheath	7	...	0.5	9.5	...
133	12	Merivale Mre	14	...	1.0	9.5	...
5	3	Merlin Intl	5†	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	35	...	0.1	0.4	...
12	3½	Mountleigh	3†	...	...	...	...
1075	770	Mountview	770	...	18.0	3.2	7.9
9	2½	Mowatt	3½†	...	0.0	...	...
137	110	Mucklow (A&J)	115	...	5.9	7.1	-
53	33	New Cavendish	43	...	...	...	...
30	3½	Oastey Est	8	...	4.2	...	3.1
103	20	Power Corp	23	...	...	11.9	2.5
111	34	Prop Security	78	...	3.7	6.6	17.1
180	16	Property Trust	19	...	...	...	...
4½	1	Raglan	3	...	...	...	...
6½	1½	Regalian	1½	...	1.5	...	1.0
5	1½	Rosehaugh	4½	...	...	...	...
175	120	Rowlinson Secs	138	...	1.3	1.3	28.1
24	12	St Modwen Prp	16	+1	0.5	4.6	9.6
54	21	Savills	28	...	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	30	...	...	8.0	16.0
48	42	Shaftesbury	44	...	...	...	...
9	2	Shield	4	...	...	...	...
26	11	Sinclair Gldmn	17	...	0.3	3.9	...
248	80	Slough Estats	102	+1	8.1	10.8	3.7
75	35	Southend Prop	48	...	4.1	12.4	22.7
20½	2½	Speyhawk	9½	...	...	...	...
30	10	Stanhope Prpe	14	...	...	...	...
88	30	Town Centre	70	...	3.1	6.1	-
61	28	Trafford Park	41†	...	2.5	8.4	-
33	8	UK Land	11	...	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4½	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	154	-4	10.0	8.7	15.0
245	203	Warnford	208	...	7.3	4.7	14.2
6½	1	Waterglade	1½	...	1.0	...	0.7
91	23	Wates	35	...	3.7	13.5	8.1
44	17	Wood John Da	27	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	18	Amemagbe	18	...	0.8	...	...
80	42	Headlam	75†	+1	2.4	4.3	20.7
428	265	Lambert	338†	...	12.5	4.9	8.8
111	76	Pittard Garnar	77	...	1.5	2.6	10.1
41	19	Strong & Fisher	19	...	1.0	7.0	5.3
100	90	Stylo	98	...	2.5	3.5	...

TEXTILES

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	382	Allied Text	398	-1	12.3	4.1	14.2
73	48	Beckman (A)	49†	...	4.7	13.0	-
32	25	Bolton Gp	28	...	...	...	27.9
162	141	Br Mohair	148	...	8.5	7.8	11.5
61	30	Celestion	61	...	1.2	2.6	...
41	21	Charwells	28	...	0.4	1.9	...
285½	186½	Claremont Gs	241	...	...	2.1	16.6
532	364	Courtauld Txt	436	-1	13.0	3.8	13.4
225	160	Dawson	200	-1	9.0	5.9	19.2
39	17	Drummond	24	...	1.5	8.3	8.4
6	1½	Dunkeld	2½	...	...	...	...
73	60	Fampel	61	...	4.9	10.7	6.1
61	36	Foster (John)	37	...	0.5	1.8	...
142	84	Gaskell	84	...	8.5	...	...
180	99	Hicking Pntst	128	...	3.4	3.6	11.8
73	38	Jerome (S)	62	...	1.0	2.2	...
389	218	Lamont	238	-45	...	4.8	11.5
476	308	Leeds	464	...	9.7	2.8	17.5
41	16	Lister	19	...	0.1	0.7	...
118	81	Lyles (S)	99	...	4.4	6.0	10.2
85	68	Parkland 'A'	69	...	2.0	3.9	...
88	63	Readicut	70½	...	3.4	6.5	14.0
71	30	SEET	40	-1	...	...	...
91	68	Sirdar	73	+1	3.1	9.9	12.0
40	29	Stirling Gp	36	-1	1.6	6.1	12.1
59	45	Stoddard	45	...	2.6	7.8	12.0
312	218	Tomkinsons	274	...	11.8	6.6	18.1
5½	3	West Trust	3	...	0.2	8.9	...
261	203	Yorklyde	228	...	9.7	5.7	10.6

TOBACCOS

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
874	608	BAT	840	-7	33.6	5.3	25.8
544	480	Rothmans 'B'	567	-7	10.2	2.4	13.2

TRANSPORT

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	287	-2	8.0	3.7	61.5
743	531	BAA	721	+11	14.5	2.7	15.5
315	210	Br Airways	289	-1½	10.1	4.7	9.7
182	45	Clarkson (H)	50	+5	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	22†	...	...	...	...
488	283	Eurotunnel Uts	361	-1	...	...	...
14½	¾	Eurotunnel War	1	...	...	...	...
88	63	Fisher (James)	63†	...	5.5	...	17.6
108	70	Graig	70	...	4.5	8.6	...
203	150	IoM Steam	163	...	...	6.1	7.8
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	25	...	1.9	10.1	14.9
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1250	...	4.5	0.5	5.1
249	150	Mersey Docks	246	...	6.8	3.3	13.6
286	216	NFC	250†	...	6.2	3.3	19.6
357	170	Ocean Group	234	+4	14.5	8.2	10.6
63	31	Ocean Wilson	37	...	...	2.7	8.3
555	396½	P & O Dfd	392	-1	30.5	10.4	13.8
150	97	P & O 5%	150	...	...	4.9	...
415	287	Powell Duffryn	357	+13	22.6	8.4	16.3
117	96	Seacon	112	...	4.2	5.0	7.9
39	27	TIP Europe	33	...	...	7.4	6.2
87	37	TNT	39	-1	...	...	...
619	534	Tibbet & Britn	534	...	10.8	2.7	20.5
478	214	Tiphook	260	...	17.3	8.9	4.1
307	208	Transport Dev	240	-2	9.5	5.3	14.4

WATER

1992 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
448	308½	Anglian Water	421	+3	19.3	6.1	7.9
514	336	Northumbrian	498	...	20.5	5.5	5.8
463	323	North West	443	+4	19.6	5.9	7.7
426	298	Severn Trent	399	+2	19.3	6.4	5.0
424	301	Sthrn Water	410	...	19.5	6.3	6.8
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1195	...	40.2	4.5	9.2
451	306	South West	434	+1	21.7	6.7	6.6
457	324	Thames Water	440	+4	19.2	5.8	8.5
461	337	Welsh Water	454	-1	21.4	6.3	5.2
533	366	Wessex Water	519	+1	19.5	5.0	7.6
493	336	Yorkshire W	464	+2	19.5	5.6	7.8

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Fund	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0345 717373				
Mastertrust	89.36	95.57	+0.15	2.24
International	64.23	68.32	+0.64	1.08
Dividend Gth	45.77	48.69	-0.57	6.16
Global Gth Sec	56.48	60.08	-0.01	3.10
Ethical Growth	51.32	54.59	-0.82	3.72
High Inc Equity	120.30	127.50†	-1.40	6.65
Worldwide Bond	241.70	256.40	+1.10	5.55
Gilts Fixed Int	121.40	128.00†	-0.30	8.03
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	33.80	35.70†	+0.86	2.37
European	67.15	71.33	-1.99	...
European Inc	67.70	71.80†	-1.09	1.86
Exempt	762.20	796.10†	-6.30	3.48
Extra Inc	34.07	37.64†	-0.43	6.73
F East Emerg Bx	60.92	65.51	+1.51	0.97
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	295.70	316.10†	-2.10	5.90
Equity Inc	171.60	183.70	-1.90	5.57
High Yield	190.80	203.90	-1.10	5.53
Balanced	529.40	565.90	-2.80	3.70
American Inc	37.93	40.54	-0.08	3.69
Wld Asset Val	30.14	32.21†	-0.47	1.77
Japan	118.50	125.80	+0.10	0.01
Secs of Am	337.80	359.50	-3.30	0.36
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	91.75	98.32	-0.47	3.34
Euro Gth Inc	97.52	103.40	-4.10	1.61
Extra Inc	84.68	90.39†	-3.42	7.11
General	200.50	214.40†	-1.20	4.30
Gilt Fxd Inc	53.71	55.65†	-0.24	9.67
Income	382.00	408.60	-1.60	6.38
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 658 9002				
American Gth	71.36	75.59	+1.49	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	87.26	93.22	+3.45	...
Australia	59.34	64.01	+0.49	1.50
Convertibles	41.12	44.97†	+0.30	8.30
Eastern	145.60	157.40	+3.40	1.80
Equity Income	62.06	68.00	+0.11	6.50
European Gth	194.20	207.00	-4.10	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	136.40	146.30	-0.60	1.50
Exempt	68.89	71.03	-0.14	4.00
German Growth	46.30	49.38	-1.49	0.80
Global Growth	85.23	91.05	+0.48	...
Japan Growth	138.90	148.80	+3.10	...
Japan Sunrise	108.50	116.20	+2.80	...
Portfolio	99.53	103.70	-0.60	3.40
-do- Acc	176.00	183.40	-0.90	3.40
UK Growth	57.82	62.79	+0.77	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	58.49	65.45	+0.97	1.80
Select Managers	51.12	54.81	+0.03	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	85.03	90.95	-0.47	2.40
-do- Inc	77.88	83.30†	-0.43	2.40
Global Bond	26.70	28.54	+0.37	5.11
High Yield Acc	41.14	44.00	+0.19	5.57
-do- Inc	30.43	32.55†	+0.14	5.57
Smllr Cos Acc	61.77	66.07	-0.74	2.61
-do- Inc	57.84	61.86	-0.69	2.61
Amer Gth Acc	40.56	43.38	+0.48	0.16
-do- Inc	39.81	42.57	+0.47	0.16
Euro Gth Acc	83.13	88.91	-2.57	2.09
-do- Inc	82.37	88.05†	-2.55	2.09
Mngd P folio	26.39	28.22†	-0.20	...
Pacific Growth	70.97	75.91	+1.52	1.08
Intl Spec Opps	81.06	86.31	+0.37	1.83
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	84.87	90.39†	-1.34	4.62
Smaller Cos Acc	186.30	198.20	+4.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	110.60	117.80†	+2.31	1.85
High Inc	56.21	60.59†	-0.16	7.26
Income	96.54	103.30†	-0.80	5.62
Mngd P folio Inc	70.01	74.96	-0.08	2.79
-do- Acc	131.10	139.60	-0.10	...
North American	77.13	82.16	+1.04	0.26
Orient	81.26	87.40	+3.06	...
Recovery	24.88	26.87	-0.02	4.39
German	33.43	37.02	-0.88	0.11
Intl Recov	25.68	27.35	+0.31	0.29
European Inc	18.18	20.64†	-0.02	8.95
Conv General	14.47	15.41†	+0.02	10.01
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	47.30	50.14	-0.22	2.94
-do- Acc	82.74	88.90†	-0.36	2.94
Income Fund 5	174.30	185.50	-0.80	4.86
-do- Acc	387.20	412.00	-0.80	4.86
Inv Portfolio	53.07	58.00	+0.79	3.22
-do- Acc	81.69	86.85	+0.36	3.22
Smaller Cos	59.94	63.12	+0.31	3.09
-do- Acc	105.60	111.80	+0.30	3.09
High Inc P folio	48.41	50.17	-0.27	5.55
BURRAGE UT MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 488 7216				
Bk Gilt Fxd Int	66.65	66.81	-0.17	7.04
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	111.80	119.10	-1.10	2.13
UK Growth	120.60	128.30	-1.10	3.34
UK Income	100.30	106.80†	-0.60	5.64
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	55.65	60.11	+1.81	1.30
Growth	38.46	41.14	-0.08	3.86
Income	43.47	46.48	-0.03	5.82
Far East	34.30	36.74	+0.93	0.41
North American	61.11	65.71	+1.46	0.01
Global	64.59	69.08	+0.86	1.13
European	54.62	58.42	-1.66	1.87
Japan	75.83	81.10†	+1.94	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	51.06	54.17†	-0.27	6.00
UK Cap Gwth	62.40	66.74†	-0.61	2.88
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 65 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	99.57	105.90†	+1.20	0.20
-do- Acc	105.70	112.80	+1.30	0.20
European	57.04	60.67	-1.40	1.78
-do- Acc	59.12	62.78	-1.46	1.78
Far East Gen	41.22	43.81	+0.46	...
-do- Acc	41.22	43.86	+0.68	...
Glenfriars	191.60	203.90†	+0.20	2.13
-do- Acc	215.00	228.80	+0.20	2.13
Growth	316.40	340.60†	-3.70	3.39
-do- Acc	841.30	879.00	-8.40	3.39
Income Growth	302.60	322.00	+7.50	5.28
-do- Acc	395.80	421.10	-3.80	5.28
Master Portfolio	8214.0	8608.0†	+5.00	3.64
-do- Acc	9427.0	9879.0	+3.00	3.64
Special Sits	73.34	78.08	-0.61	3.23
-do- Acc	84.78	90.20	-0.70	3.23
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	994.80	1023.0	+2.00	5.70
-do- Acc	1135.0	1160.0	+2.00	5.70
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	157.30	167.60	-1.50	1.72
Capital	451.70	482.00†	-2.50	3.07
European Index	110.20	117.10	-2.80	1.85
Euro Gth	68.84	73.31	-2.38	2.14
Far East Growth	63.92	68.21	-0.41	0.48
Global Bond	20.58	22.10	-0.17	7.03
Hong Kong	56.79	60.60	+1.30	0.66
Income	406.10	433.30†	-0.60	5.63
Intl Growth	58.86	62.81	-0.44	1.06
Japan Growth	171.20	182.70†	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	21.28	22.71	-0.26	...
Japan Index	52.22	55.73	-0.32	0.52
Nth American	332.90	358.20	+0.60	1.33
S pore Mly Gth	36.95	39.43	+0.37	...
Tiger Index	103.90	110.80	+1.90	1.12
Trade Index	77.42	82.62†	-1.02	4.10
UK Index	105.10	112.10	-0.70	3.95
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	66.23	70.83	+1.59	1.21
European P folio	59.92	63.69	-2.17	1.62
Japanese P folio	41.92	44.59	+0.65	...
Pacific P folio	71.13	76.49	+2.35	2.72
Cazenove P folio	57.60	61.61	-0.21	3.27
UK Income Gth	51.92	55.73	+0.14	6.68
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	517.80	519.90	...	5.69
Fixed Int	144.40	145.00	...	10.00
Deposit	9.10	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	509.24	512.86	...	5.79
-do- Acc	1960.5	1984.7	...	...
Deposit	9.10	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	117.35	117.58	...	9.87
-do- Acc	147.20	147.87	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	52.48	55.24	-1.54	3.13
Beckman Intl	69.81	73.76	+0.86	4.97
Friars Hse Inc	148.38	158.74	+0.02	7.75
Friars Hse Cap	205.57	219.96	-7.91	3.37
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	81.81	87.03	+1.26	0.80
European Gth	74.63	79.39†	-1.82	2.17
Far East Gth	74.03	78.76	+2.25	0.53
Japan Gth Acc	28.07	29.86	-0.57	...
Managed	53.93	56.95	-0.26	3.80
-do- Acc	63.64	67.70	-0.31	3.80
Mthly Inc Plus	41.27	43.90†	+0.02	9.98
Smaller Cos	25.74	27.38	-0.03	3.22
-do- Acc	28.33	30.14	-0.03	3.22
UK General	61.76	65.70	+0.73	3.51
-do- Acc	72.94	77.60	+0.87	3.51
Wwide Bd	55.20	58.73†	+0.82	4.50
-do- Acc	69.30	73.73	+1.02	4.50
Wwide Sp Sits	41.78	44.68	+0.34	0.61
-do- Acc	43.43	46.45	+0.35	0.61
Quilter General	103.78	110.40†	-0.30	2.86
-do- Acc	113.86	121.13	-0.32	2.96
Quilter Income	74.51	79.22	-0.43	5.37
-do- Acc	89.38	95.09	-0.53	5.37
Quilter Intl	100.81	107.24	+1.34	0.01
-do- Acc	102.20	108.72	+1.36	0.01
Quilter UK Spec	58.21	61.97	-0.08	4.84
-do- Acc	77.06	81.98	-0.12	4.84
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	76.95	81.86†	+0.64	4.35
Fixed Conv	34.48	36.65	+0.41	9.30
-do- Acc	87.49	93.07	+1.06	9.30
Equity Inc	119.31	126.93	-0.44	5.87
-do- Acc	376.67	400.71	-1.40	5.87
High Yield	95.80	101.91†	+0.05	7.58
-do- Acc	355.77	378.49	+0.20	7.58
Preference	42.47	45.18†	+0.96	8.88
-do- Acc	210.91	224.37	+4.79	8.88
PPT Europe	121.21	128.95	-3.80	1.51
PPT Global Bnd	71.25	75.80	+0.36	3.59
PPT Gold Com	41.00	43.62	-0.02	...
PPT Thai	44.89	47.96	-2.01	0.63
PPT Hong Kong	74.91	79.69	+1.81	0.99
PPT Japan	76.31	81.20	+1.83	...
PPT N Amer	110.82	117.90	+1.89	0.22
PPT S'pore Mly	75.34	80.15	+1.30	...
PPT UK	101.89	108.39	-1.67	3.17
PPT Cash	89.36	89.38	+0.10	8.42
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	60.44	64.30	+1.30	1.26
Japanese Acc	41.08	43.70†	+0.43	...
UK Balncd Inc	108.20	115.10	-0.70	2.78
-do- Acc	124.80	132.80	-0.80	2.78
UK Growth Acc	170.40	182.00	-1.40	2.57
UK High Inc	111.80	118.90	-0.90	5.23
-do- Acc	127.90	136.10	-0.60	5.23
N America Acc	86.32	91.83	+1.94	.42
European Acc	122.00	130.80	-3.80	...
UK Fxd Int Inc	57.30	60.91	-0.06	10.00
-do- Acc	89.23	94.73	-0.10	10.06
Intl Sp Sits Acc	38.35	40.77†	-0.30	1.80
Environmntl Opp	62.12	66.08	-0.03	1.86
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	88.92	92.28	-0.34	...
UK Smllr Cos	127.00	134.90	-1.00	1.88
Convertible	19.48	20.68†	-0.16	9.48
Ecotrust	32.68	34.73	-0.09	1.15
Mngd Exempt	134.40	140.10†	-1.50	3.71
Growth Inc	178.00	189.10	-1.00	4.76
High Dist	116.30	123.60	-0.90	7.00
International	258.80	275.10	-0.40	1.18
Intl Income	64.26	68.60†	...	3.79
Pacific	42.25	44.89†	+0.46	0.67
Smllr Jap Cos	46.09	48.97	+0.08	...
Tokyo	136.50	145.20†	+0.10	...
Japan Exempt	79.37	81.85	+0.40	0.61
Sm Jap Exempt	384.30	394.60	+7.40	0.13
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7281				
Endurance	138.10	147.90†	-0.70	1.80
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	88.40	95.05†	-2.15	3.06
High Income	95.26	101.30	-0.50	6.58
Tst of Inv Tsts	107.82	113.18	+0.61	3.57
Special Sits	64.75	69.19†	-0.03	4.74
North American	84.45	88.87	+0.32	1.40
Far Eastern	168.93	177.81	+1.86	1.50
Intl Growth	71.28	75.03	-0.07	1.69
European	53.89	56.73	-2.18	2.48
Smaller Cos	55.62	58.56	-0.54	3.23
EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	266.40	283.50	-1.10	3.93
-do- Inc	194.20	206.70	-0.70	3.93
Higher Inc Acc	448.00	476.70†	-3.91	5.58
-do- Inc	282.70	300.80†	-2.20	5.58
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	159.70	168.20†	+0.40	7.45
-do- Inc	86.07	90.61†	+0.23	7.45
Nth America	199.50	212.30†	+4.70	...
Far East	208.10	221.40†	+4.40	0.57
Europe	186.40	198.30†	-3.90	0.84
General Inc	357.50	380.40†	-0.40	3.50
-do- Acc	389.30	414.20†	-0.50	3.50
Brit Excell	53.62	57.05	-0.03	4.04
Brit Fndmtls Inc	53.33	56.74†	-0.23	6.40
Brit Fndmtls Acc	67.94	72.28†	-0.31	6.40
Global Opps	53.72	57.15	+1.03	0.07
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	174.70	184.40	+3.20	...
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00†	-42.92	9.50
European Tst	95.37	101.50†	-2.50	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	77.60	82.16	-2.03	1.12
Far Eastern	95.14	102.00†	+1.30	...
Overs Income	72.62	77.57	+1.07	2.09
UK Growth	72.35	77.38	+0.42	0.36
UK Income	82.50	88.34	-0.65	5.30
US Smaller Cos	162.10	173.40†	+4.40	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	293.90	314.30	+6.80	...
-do- Acc	300.30	321.10	+7.10	...
Capital	225.80	240.10†	-1.10	3.04
-do- Acc	311.60	331.40†	-1.60	3.04
Contl Smllr Cos	39.44	42.54	-1.33	0.43
-do- Acc	40.81	44.02	-1.37	0.43
Convertible	91.89	97.74	+0.58	7.96
-do- Acc	164.40	175.00	+1.00	7.96
European	83.07	89.02	-1.64	0.88
-do- Acc	85.84	91.99	-1.69	0.88
Extra Income	229.90	244.50	-0.40	5.70
-do- Acc	316.80	336.90	-0.70	5.70
Financial	74.02	78.73	+1.51	1.27
-do- Acc	77.03	81.93	+1.56	1.27
Health Fund Inc	96.83	103.40	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	96.83	103.40	+0.80	...
Income Tst	148.00	157.40	-1.50	5.08
-do- Acc	199.30	211.90	-2.00	5.08
Intl Growth	241.70	258.60	+3.70	...
-do- Acc	268.40	287.20	+4.10	...
Japan Gen	105.80	113.40	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	106.80	114.50	+1.40	...
Mngd P folio Inc	73.54	77.41	-0.17	2.22
-do- Acc	75.95	79.94	-0.17	2.22
Monthly Income	114.80	122.10†	-1.00	6.03
Recovery	208.00	222.40	+3.60	1.20
-do- Acc	242.60	259.40	+4.30	1.20
Smaller Cos	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Gilt Gth Inc	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Gilt Gth Tst	86.38	88.11†	+0.27	7.81
-do- Acc	90.74	92.98†	+0.34	7.81
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Admin: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	299.76	318.89	-1.82	3.44
-do- Acc	595.49	634.56	-3.61	3.44
Euro Gth Dist	88.34	93.98	-3.71	1.43
-do- Acc	90.97	96.78	-3.83	1.43
Fixed Int Dist	121.95	128.99†	-0.40	7.77
-do- Acc	199.47	210.99†	-0.39	7.77
Intl Gth Dist	59.89	63.71	-0.11	1.09
-do- Acc	61.72	65.66	-0.12	1.09
Nth Amer Dist	139.98	148.80	+2.77	1.16
-do- Acc	150.94	160.45	+3.00	1.16
Pac Basin Dist	174.24	185.36	+3.62	0.45
-do- Acc	176.83	188.12	+3.68	0.45
Stewardship Dist	237.87	253.05	+0.71	2.82
-do- Acc	277.89	295.63	+0.83	2.82
Stwd Inc Dist	49.73	52.90	-0.29	4.90
-do- Acc	60.07	63.90	-0.33	4.99
N Am Stwd Dist	70.57	75.07	+1.14	0.16
-do- Acc	74.68	79.41	+1.22	0.16
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	108.60	116.10	+2.20	...
European	331.40	353.80	-11.10	1.09
Far East General	162.00	172.60	+4.40	0.37
Germany	82.81	88.23†	-2.32	0.45
Global Assets In	53.64	57.36	-0.39	2.61
Global Assets Ac	56.20	60.11	-0.31	2.58
Income	87.12	93.18†	+0.04	8.49
International	198.10	211.30	-2.60	1.10
Intl Income	63.62	67.77	+0.40	5.26
Japan General	250.70	266.60	+2.60	...
Smllr Cos Div	37.96	40.17	-0.34	7.00
UK Capital Inc	121.80	131.80	-0.50	4.82
-do- Acc	208.90	223.50	-0.40	4.74
Uk Spec Sits	51.83	55.44†	-0.52	2.06
US General	80.11	85.13	+2.38	0.14
W wide Spec Sits	90.38	96.67	+3.82	0.13
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	37.04	39.62	+0.39	1.64
Cash Trust	128.03	128.03†	+0.15	8.91
Pract Inv Inc	85.09	91.25†	+0.01	4.33
-do- Acc	181.64	194.70†	+0.06	4.33
UK Smaller Cos	76.96	81.89†	+0.88	2.59
Income Funds				
Preference Share	22.36	23.80	+0.04	10.92
High Inc	25.51	27.29	-0.23	6.86
UK Equity Inc	103.56	110.92	+0.30	3.62
Intl Fxd Inc	26.40	27.38†	+0.19	6.10
International Funds				
Gold Intl	53.50	57.37	-0.41	0.60
Frontier Markets	33.04	35.43	+0.98	0.73
Global Inc Gth	99.49	106.31†	+0.49	3.30
UK Intl	91.09	97.38	+2.31	2.25
Overseas Funds				
American	98.03	104.61	+2.20	0.66
European	68.50	73.53	-1.58	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	81.06	86.18	-2.39	1.37
American Emerg	49.06	53.60	+0.65	...
Hong Kong	85.93	89.39	+2.73	2.03
Japan	134.33	142.66	+2.02	...
Pacific Growth	107.68	115.66	+3.03	0.89
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	97.34	104.32	+0.69	0.75
American Gth	94.84	101.22	+2.19	...
European Gth	57.83	61.88	-2.18	0.83
German Horizon	40.72	43.47	-1.80	0.62
Japan Gth	51.09	55.40	+0.36	...
Pacific Inc	98.51	105.75	+2.40	2.04
Pacific Strategy	73.30	80.54	+2.10	...
UK Prog Inc	62.11	66.43	-0.41	7.43
Gt British Cos	40.15	42.94	-0.08	3.00
UK Small Cos	34.35	36.72	-0.28	3.28
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9666				
Cash	127.80	127.80	+0.20	8.89
Gilt Fixed	110.30	117.00	-0.80	7.29
Growth Equity	235.30	251.50	-2.60	3.09
Guardhill	342.20	365.50	-3.40	3.39
Income Trust	83.95	88.62	-0.32	5.93
International	122.50	130.80†	+1.00	0.18
Japan Trust	87.98	93.99	+2.24	...
Managed	96.23	102.80	-1.20	2.67
Nth American	194.00	207.20	+[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific	280.40	299.50	+7.30	...
Prop Shares	128.90	137.70	-0.50	4.69
Small Cos	180.30	192.80	-3.20	2.72
European	284.00	303.40	-11.20	0.58
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	29.03	30.78	-0.17	2.32
-do- Acc	30.28	32.10	-0.18	2.32
Inc Adv Inc	24.48	25.95†	-0.19	4.88
-do- Acc	25.11	26.62	-0.20	4.88
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	51.16	54.80	+0.81	0.04
Equity Income	91.11	96.93†	-0.22	5.01
European	114.70	122.20	-4.30	1.44
Intl Situation	59.55	63.38	-0.09	...
Japanese	96.70	102.60	+1.40	...
North American	81.97	86.97	+0.99	0.33
Scandinavian	82.57	87.31†	-5.26	0.89
Smaller Cos	23.77	25.29	-0.19	3.20
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690370				
Amer Smaller	63.28	68.01	+0.74	...
Asian Enterprise	88.71	95.08	+2.72	1.71
Australian	104.46	111.65	+2.42	2.44
European	301.19	318.87	-7.83	2.30
European Inc	58.28	61.62	-0.96	3.57
Euro Smi Co	106.18	113.06	-2.67	1.79
Extra Income	210.24	223.81†	-1.01	6.94
Family of Funds	55.52	59.31	-0.10	2.28
Fixed Interest	49.51	53.71†	+0.01	9.08
Global Resour	62.76	67.36	+0.24	2.34
High Inc	224.42	239.89	-4.09	6.33
Income Gth	192.32	204.81	-0.21	5.19
-do- Acc	476.59	507.56	-0.53	5.19
International	181.29	192.87†	+1.64	1.23
Japan Spc Sit	153.11	162.89†	+3.31	...
Japan	132.52	140.87	+2.30	...
N Amer	183.12	194.82	+2.38	0.45
Pacific Smllr Cos	118.41	127.09†	+3.22	2.37
Pref Gth	42.10	45.75	+0.07	9.43
Smaller Cos Div	126.10	137.44	-1.04	6.25
Special Sits	205.14	219.39†	-4.10	2.40
-do- Acc	314.16	335.99†	-6.29	2.40
Best of British	47.18	50.69	-0.36	3.09
Spirit of the East	41.41	44.27†	+0.96	0.77
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	75.46	80.70	-0.20	3.05
Capital	127.30	136.10	-0.60	2.89
Dollar	238.30	254.80	+3.10	0.33
European	156.70	167.50	-5.10	0.91
Far East	171.10	182.90	+2.40	1.01
Financial	479.80	513.20†	+1.20	3.58
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	23.79	24.71	...	9.54
High Yield	77.12	82.48	-0.07	6.77
Income	107.40	114.80	-0.30	4.76
Intl	168.00	179.50	...	0.60
Japan Tech	45.09	48.22	+0.76	...
Nat Resources	46.39	49.61	-0.07	0.67
Security	245.00	262.00†	-1.50	2.95
Smaller Cos	80.29	85.87†	-0.15	2.48
Special Sits	105.30	112.60†	+0.30	3.31
US Smaller Cos	50.95	54.49	+1.32	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	206.70	217.60	+0.70	1.67
Capital Gwth	86.19	90.73	-0.42	3.99
Inv Trusts	96.73	101.80	+0.70	0.95
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	17.53	18.74	+0.10	3.50
Special Features	21.88	22.24†	-0.18	2.65
-do- Acc	26.60	27.30†	-0.21	2.65
General Funds				
UK Growth	45.24	48.56	-0.21	2.90
Assets Earnings	61.56	65.40	-0.35	3.07
do Acc	71.75	76.23	-0.40	3.07
Managed Invest	66.68	71.24	+0.20	2.08
Export Children	66.71	71.30	-0.66	2.43
High Income Funds				
Cashflow	30.62	30.62†	+0.05	8.34
Extra Inc	63.61	68.76	+0.18	6.97
Gilt	26.18	27.58	+0.08	7.17
Income Gth	31.79	34.13	-0.21	4.92
MIMstar	70.27	72.32†	+0.05	9.28
Preference	15.31	16.26†	-0.04	8.06
UK Income	267.10	285.10†	-1.40	4.82
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	31.90	33.89	-0.05	0.68
Fincl Sec	40.88	43.52	-0.01	3.13
Gold	31.75	33.80	+0.96	0.35
-do- Acc	33.86	36.14	+1.01	0.35
Intl Leisure	20.65	21.94	-0.03	...
Property Shares	42.36	45.22†	-0.09	2.44
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	118.20	121.80	-0.20	3.51
European Acc	91.01	96.33†	-3.64	2.38
European Dist	87.07	92.16†	-3.48	2.38
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	39.03	41.53†	+0.81	1.62
European Perf	86.67	90.72	-3.58	1.46
-do- Acc	87.27	92.41	-3.66	1.46
Euro Small Cos	16.87	17.82†	-0.66	1.15
French Growth	84.62	89.87	-1.50	1.26
-do- Acc	86.86	92.31	-1.50	1.26
Hong K/China	48.57	52.02	+1.89	1.31
Intl Growth	40.20	42.71	+0.32	1.24
Japan Perf	22.45	23.84	+0.31	...
Accum Units	22.45	23.84	+0.31	...
Japan Smllr Cos	22.81	24.21†	+0.29	...
Singapore Assets	31.69	33.66	+0.24	0.66
-do- Acc	33.01	35.30	+0.74	0.66
South East Asia	161.70	174.40	+4.70	0.67
US Smllr Cos	77.74	82.59	-0.17	...
-do- Acc	78.56	83.47	-0.16	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	66.50	70.85	+0.53	3.37
Intl Bond	46.60	49.48†	+0.50	6.66
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7254				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	87.39	87.72†	+0.09	9.24
Extra Income	41.96	44.61†	-0.15	7.80
Gilt Yield	111.30	117.50†	+0.40	9.17
Global Income	156.80	166.60	-4.30	8.13
High Yield	103.80	110.50†	-2.30	7.01
Smllr Cos Div	35.43	38.06†	-2.45	6.25
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	68.26	72.61	-0.17	0.08
North American	80.15	85.99	-0.33	0.22
European	106.70	115.60	-3.20	0.91
Euro Special	67.68	72.00	-3.06	0.66
Fund of Inv Tsts	...	...	...	...
General	234.20	249.10	-1.30	3.62
Japan	271.10	288.40	-2.50	...
Japanese Special	142.00	151.10	-1.70	...
Master Acc	177.60	188.90	-0.70	2.26
Pacific	189.50	201.60	+2.80	0.66
Smaller Cos	71.65	76.44	-0.50	4.80
UK Equity Gth	27.33	29.07	+0.37	2.89
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	60.06	63.89	-0.35	1.06
Extra Income	20.41	21.71†	-0.15	4.47
Far East	18.54	19.72†	-0.26	0.79
Income Gwth	60.52	64.38†	-0.26	5.21
Intl Growth	40.98	43.60†	+0.38	1.18
Japan	42.54	45.26	+0.65	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.30	+0.20	9.07
N Amer Equity	32.13	34.18	+0.63	0.73
UK Equity	71.03	75.55	+1.49	3.11
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	44.47	47.31	-0.50	5.60
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	356.60	379.40†	-0.50	3.73
Equity Acc	671.60	714.50	-0.80	3.73
Equity Income	73.39	78.07	+0.24	5.78
European	79.30	84.36	-1.79	2.03
Far Eastern	121.70	131.60†	+1.60	0.27
Fixed Interest	45.66	48.60†	-0.43	9.90
Gilt	83.53	88.18†	-2.42	7.45
Global Growth	48.90	52.02	+0.02	1.27
Intl Bond	49.57	52.73	+0.45	4.74
Japanese	44.99	47.86	+0.81	...
Overseas Equity	73.72	78.43	-0.21	0.62
Nat Resources	67.68	72.00†	+0.17	1.34
North American	107.20	114.00	+1.30	1.18
UK Recovery	60.87	64.76	+0.69	3.78
UK Smllr Cos	80.09	85.20	-2.00	2.99
Worldwide	62.73	66.73	-0.05	3.61
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	265.40	282.80	-8.80	3.60
-do- Acc	568.00	604.30	-18.90	3.60
Contl Euro Gth	42.60	44.85	-1.67	1.84
-do- Acc	44.51	46.86	-1.74	1.84
Extra Inc	200.10	212.90	+1.00	4.90
-do- Acc	477.60	508.10	+2.50	4.90
German Gth	83.90	88.32	-2.33	0.56
-do- Acc	87.46	92.07	-2.42	0.56
Income	373.30	397.20	-4.20	4.99
-do- Acc	928.60	987.90	-10.60	4.99
Japan Growth	64.54	68.66	+1.41	0.01
-do- Acc	64.77	68.91	+1.43	0.01
Master Trust	42.80	45.49	-0.72	1.89
-do- Acc	46.55	49.48	-0.78	1.89
N American Gen	144.90	154.20	+2.80	0.01
-do- Acc	167.30	178.00	+3.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	97.30	103.60	+0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	99.31	105.70	+0.20	0.01
Pacific Basin	150.80	160.50	+8.40	0.76
-do- Acc	158.70	168.90	+9.00	0.76
Small Cos Rec	234.70	247.10	-11.20	3.27
-do- Acc	298.10	313.80	-14.40	3.27
UK Growth	67.06	71.35	-2.37	3.10
-do- Acc	77.46	82.41	-2.75	3.10
Worldwide Gth	217.40	231.30	+1.70	0.57
-do- Acc	319.80	340.30	+2.60	0.57
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	66.60	71.46	-0.66	3.80
Income	47.26	50.71†	-0.18	7.50
International	43.37	46.53	-0.14	1.03
American	46.61	50.01	+0.74	0.90
Japan	33.44	35.88	+0.63	...
TR of Inv Trusts	40.77	43.74†	-0.05	2.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	305.50	323.00	+6.40	0.96
-do- Acc	376.10	397.80	+7.90	0.96
American Rec	280.90	297.10	+3.10	1.22
-do- Acc	320.60	339.10	+3.40	1.22
Am Sm Co Acc	85.50	90.40	+2.00	...
Australia Acc	112.80	119.30	+1.90	1.88
Capital	492.60	520.90	-0.10	4.71
-do- Acc	536.40	567.20	-0.10	4.71
Commodity Acc	301.00	318.30	-4.30	2.31
Compnd Gth	640.90	677.80	-1.60	4.37
Dividend	26.70	28.60	-0.10	6.26
-do- Acc	101.40	108.60	-0.20	6.26
Equity Inc	215.80	228.20	-0.10	7.49
European Div	46.20	49.40	-0.40	6.17
-do- Acc	51.60	55.20	-0.40	6.17
European Gen	321.80	342.70	-11.80	1.77
-do- Acc	401.00	427.00	-14.80	1.77
Extra Yield	267.70	286.40†	-1.30	7.16
-do- Acc	769.20	823.00	-3.80	7.16
Far Eastern	202.30	214.40†	+4.40	1.46
-do- Acc	265.30	281.20	+5.80	1.46
Fund of Inv	274.60	296.10	-1.50	3.39
-do- Acc	669.00	707.40	-3.70	3.39
General	42.30	44.80	-0.20	5.07
-do- Acc	109.30	115.70	-0.60	5.07
Gilt Fxd Int	58.80	61.80	-0.10	8.82
do Acc	139.20	146.20	-0.10	8.82
Gold	30.70	32.80	+0.90	2.43
-do- Acc	35.80	38.20	+0.80	2.43
High Inc	18.40	19.70	...	7.01
-do- Acc	66.70	71.40	-0.10	7.01
Intl Growth	54.40	57.90	+0.40	1.29
-do- Acc	93.60	99.60	+0.80	1.29
Intl Inc	68.10	73.60†	-1.60	5.88
Japan Gen Acc	34.70	36.80	+0.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	93.80	99.20	+2.10	...
Midland	38.40	40.60	-0.70	6.61
-do- Acc	117.30	124.00	-2.40	6.61
Recovery	26.10	27.90	...	4.98
-do- Acc	40.50	43.30	-0.10	4.98
Second Gen	44.30	47.30	-0.20	5.34
-do- Acc	106.90	113.10	-0.50	5.34
Smaller Cos	43.00	45.60	...	3.59
-do- Acc	63.00	66.60	-0.20	3.59
Trustee	28.80	31.00	...	5.68
Charibond 3	1105.03	...	-0.46	10.37
Charifund 2	485.10	500.10	...	0.79
Pension ex 1	700.40	717.80	-2.80	3.80
NAACIF Inc 3	340.00	...	-0.75	9.30
-do- Acc 3	1091.50	...	-14.25	9.30
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	112.80	120.30	-0.10	3.51
-do- Acc	125.60	133.40	...	3.51
UK Income	90.48	96.75	-0.33	4.44
-do- Acc	99.60	106.40	-0.40	4.44
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	56.56	60.49	+1.82	0.77
Far East (Pacific)	95.19	101.40	+1.82	1.00
Income Growth	58.64	62.28	-0.26	4.99
European	83.81	89.24	-1.98	1.38
Nth American	43.48	46.10	+0.47	1.17
UK Growth	80.55	86.18	-0.85	1.52
Intl Growth	68.08	72.27†	+0.98	1.06
Charities	87.94	92.05	-0.23	5.71
High Yield	...	...	...	...
Intl Income	52.73	55.97†	-0.11	5.04
Japan	35.80	38.07	+0.85	0.12
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	140.80	149.80	+2.23	...
-do- Acc	150.90	160.10	+2.40	...
Cash	101.70	101.70	+0.20	9.38
-do- Acc	125.40	125.40	+0.20	9.38
European Gth	159.10	168.40	-8.90	0.83
-do- Acc	170.30	180.20	-8.50	0.83
General	387.10	413.00†	+0.60	3.10
-do- Acc	720.00	774.40†	+1.30	3.10
Global Dist	116.30	122.20†	+0.90	6.05
-do- Acc	127.50	133.90†	+0.90	6.05
Income	111.90	119.40†	-1.10	6.10
-do- Acc	159.80	170.50†	-1.40	6.10
International	285.70	303.70	+1.50	1.27
-do- Acc	377.60	401.50	+2.10	1.27
Japan	124.40	131.60	+1.80	...
-do- Acc	127.70	135.20	+1.90	...
New Europe	104.00	111.00	-2.80	1.80
-do- Acc	104.00	111.00	-2.80	1.80
Recovery	223.30	238.30	+0.60	4.02
-do- Acc	276.30	294.70	+0.80	4.02
European Inc	62.15	65.83	-1.10	3.57
-do- Acc	77.78	82.39	-1.38	3.57
Brit Blue Chip	61.62	65.73†	-0.53	4.06
-do- Acc	72.15	76.96†	-0.62	4.06
Portfolio	61.75	65.77	-0.40	3.67
-do- Acc	69.18	73.68†	-0.46	3.67
Gold General	46.38	49.69	-1.37	4.88
-do- Acc	47.22	50.57	-1.39	4.88
High Income	44.16	47.07	-0.10	7.62
-do- Acc	57.27	61.04	-0.14	7.62
Pacific	66.13	70.54	+1.52	1.02
-do- Acc	69.90	74.56	+1.60	1.02
UK Smaller Cos	38.53	41.10†	-0.30	1.96
-do- Acc	42.84	45.70†	-0.34	1.96
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 520 280 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	50.62	54.14	-0.19	2.65
-do- Acc	50.62	54.14	-0.19	2.65
British Dist	67.25	71.93	-0.36	3.13
-do- Acc	74.29	79.45	-0.40	3.13
Capital	66.51	71.13	-1.27	3.02
-do- Acc	103.60	110.80	-2.00	3.02
European Gth	140.00	149.30	-3.90	0.83
-do- Acc	175.10	186.70	-4.00	0.83
Extra High Inc	56.22	60.13†	-0.45	7.68
-do- Acc	95.74	102.40	-0.70	7.68
Gilt Fixed Int	52.05	54.88†	+0.11	8.18
-do- Acc	136.70	140.40	+0.30	8.18
High Yield	176.50	188.80	+1.00	6.20
-do- Acc	396.40	424.00	+2.30	6.20
Income	220.30	235.60	+0.90	5.16
-do- Acc	452.30	483.70	+2.10	5.16
Intl High St Dist	55.89	59.78	+0.25	0.40
-do- Acc	59.79	63.95	+0.26	0.40
Japan Gth	226.30	241.40†	+3.90	...
-do- Acc	239.00	254.80	+4.10	...
Mandarin Acc	70.35	75.24	+1.91	1.56
North American	131.70	140.90	+2.10	0.54
-do- Acc	165.60	177.10	+2.70	0.54
Smaller Cos	81.38	87.04	-1.03	3.20
-do- Acc	97.37	104.10	-1.30	3.20
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	189.20	201.90	+1.50	0.59
Cash Inc	100.02	100.02†	-0.46	8.93
Cash Acc	119.13	119.13†	+0.15	8.93
Euro Gth Acc	202.20	216.80	-6.60	...
Europa	94.05	101.40	-2.40	...
Intl Gth	131.70	140.70	-0.10	...
Japan Tracker	50.43	53.36	+0.32	...
UK Equity Inc	111.60	120.30†	-0.40	5.51
-do- Acc	134.40	144.90†	-0.40	6.51
UK Ind Tracker	120.20	128.90	-1.30	3.80
US Eq Ind Trkr	152.10	162.80†	+1.60	2.67
-do- Acc	160.10	171.30†	+1.60	2.67
Asian Tracker	104.60	113.40†	+3.20	1.83
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	136.50	139.50	-0.90	2.09
European	50.81	51.50†	-1.77	2.16
Far Eastern	...	...	...	...
Olympiad	40.01	44.11	+0.35	1.86
Olympiad Inc	42.69	43.80	+0.21	6.60
Smaller Cos	45.22	47.49	-0.59	2.12
Equity Income	75.29	78.62†	-0.70	8.09
UK Growth	69.08	71.87	-0.47	2.16
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bitton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	36.61	39.06	+0.36	0.89
Australian Acc	228.20	244.80	+3.80	...
Conscience	52.20	55.70	+0.14	1.49
-do- Acc	55.64	59.38	-0.15	1.49
European	147.30	157.10	-3.70	1.06
-do- Acc	157.20	167.60	-3.90	1.06
Extra Income	62.04	66.21	-0.36	6.86
-do- Acc	91.76	97.93	-0.43	6.86
Far East Gth	110.80	118.40	+1.40	...
Gilt Fxd Inc	54.03	57.20	+0.17	8.06
Gold	26.64	28.64	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	28.48	30.33	+0.28	...
Income	42.09	45.08	-0.20	4.63
-do- Acc	125.80	134.70	-1.20	4.63
International	23.31	25.01	...	1.08
-do- Acc	33.32	35.76	...	1.08
Jap Smr Cos Acc	202.50	216.00	+3.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	112.60	120.70	+3.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	19.06	20.49	+0.19	3.17
Special Sits	26.12	28.08†	-0.22	2.17
-do- Acc	28.81	32.03	-0.26	2.17
Tokyo	53.03	57.82	+1.28	...
-do- Acc	54.47	58.10	+1.30	...
US Smllr Co Acc	73.78	78.60	+1.89	...
UK Equity	138.10	147.30	-0.90	3.63
-do- Acc	253.50	270.40	-1.80	3.63
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 55 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5332				
N&P UK Growth	57.54	61.22	-0.07	3.69
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	64.20	70.08†	-0.02	7.82
N&P Higher Inc	130.80	138.80	+1.03	7.22
N&P UK Income	80.89	86.48	+0.14	5.30
N&P Intl	71.57	76.96	+0.48	2.86
N&P Smaller Cos	54.20	57.97†	-0.25	2.87
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	129.01	137.27†	-1.27	2.62
Global	206.60	219.79†	-1.13	1.86
Income	160.97	171.25†	-1.81	6.13
Intl Bond	108.25	115.17†	+0.34	8.89
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 590, Peterborough PE2 6BB. Tel: 0733 470470 Dealing: 0800 626777				
Growth	114.30	120.20	-0.70	3.63
-do- Acc	197.60	208.21	-1.13	3.63
Income	171.40	181.50†	-0.80	4.72
Intl Equity	170.10	180.00†	+0.30	1.49
-do- Acc	186.00	196.70	+0.40	1.49
Equity	185.80	197.70	-1.30	3.09
-do- Acc	372.40	396.10	-2.60	3.09
UK Intl 25 Acc	36.61	40.22	-0.32	2.69
UK Income	40.70	51.81	-0.28	4.13
UK Smllr Co Acc	51.22	54.46	-0.40	2.85
New Europe Acc	49.36	52.51	-0.84	2.09
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 576868				
Asian Smllr Mkt	60.71	64.94	+1.15	0.77
PEP Gth Inc	74.78	79.96	+0.72	1.81
Intl Gth	365.48	380.20	-0.90	1.34
Income	217.87	233.02†	+0.99	5.41
W wide Recov	212.70	227.56	-1.32	1.40
American Gth	145.30	155.41	+0.42	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	117.77	125.96	-0.27	0.70
Far East Gth	134.52	143.81	+3.23	0.20
European Gth	89.25	95.46	-2.03	1.85
UK Growth	57.20	61.18	+0.61	4.37
High Income	61.65	65.94	+0.90	6.11
Japanese Gth	134.79	143.44	+0.10	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282463				
International	132.70	141.10†	+1.00	1.53
High Income	86.57	91.89	-1.37	5.06
Conv Gilt	90.25	96.01	-1.45	8.35
Far East	223.80	238.60†	+5.10	0.42
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	37.82	40.23	+0.29	0.73
Emerging Mkts	44.03	46.84	+0.68	0.31
General	41.27	43.90	-0.15	3.90
International	64.42	68.53	+0.76	1.66
Gilt Units	23.93	24.67	-0.01	8.62
Global PEP	28.46	30.28†	+0.05	2.54
Income Gth	51.30	54.61	+0.23	6.44
European	36.41	38.75	-0.88	1.37
Gilt/Fixed Int	21.63	23.01†	-0.09	7.24
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst **	23.68	25.32	+0.01	2.41
Pru Gth Hva Inc	101.65	101.65	+0.13	9.04
-do- Acc	101.65	101.65	+0.13	9.04
Pru Equity	558.21	597.01†	-9.13	3.13
Pru Equity Inc	65.32	69.86	-0.07	5.18
Pru European	141.57	151.41	-5.32	2.22
Pru Global Gth	64.24	68.70	-0.07	1.87
Pru High Inc	70.56	75.46†	+0.19	6.47
Pru Intl	123.34	131.91	+0.28	1.64
Pru Intl Smr Co	50.35	53.82†	-0.14	1.20
Pru Japanese	121.51	129.95†	-0.44	...
Pru Nth Amer	105.16	112.47	+1.03	0.62
Pru Pacific Mkt	54.62	58.41	+0.36	2.41
Pru Premr Inc	45.09	47.89†	-0.40	7.99
Pru Smllr Cos	62.78	67.14	+0.18	3.11
Pru Spec Sits	82.39	88.11	+0.20	3.02
Pru UK Growth	92.89	99.25	-0.37	2.91
** Property Bottom Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	130.89	141.06	-1.25	4.25
Japan	178.00	190.83	+3.93	...
Major UK Cos	83.06	89.41	-1.12	2.79
America Income	358.05	384.09	+5.26	0.72
-do- Acc	416.93	446.12	+6.11	0.72
Smllr UK Cos	190.58	208.69†	-1.36	2.32
Smllr European	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	57.70	61.67	+1.11	5.32
Capital Units	117.60	125.30	+0.10	2.04
Commodity	74.03	78.81†	-0.70	1.50
European Gth	125.60	133.80	-5.30	1.32
Financial Sec	130.50	138.80	+1.40	2.72
High Return	174.80	185.90	+0.60	8.00
High Yield	172.00	182.60†	...	7.32
Income Units	82.30	87.55	+0.19	9.42
Investment	128.10	136.20†	+1.80	2.40
Japan Gth	93.74	99.72†	+1.83	...
Japan Smaller	127.60	135.70	+3.10	0.06
Masterfund	36.18	38.48	+0.04	1.75
Scotbits	191.00	203.10	+2.20	3.02
Scotshares	211.20	225.20	+2.40	4.33
Scotyields	180.80	192.40†	+3.60	6.61
Select Intl	97.24	103.40†	-1.40	0.86
Smaller Cos	171.80	182.70†	-1.80	7.75
Special Situation	88.13	93.75	+2.69	1.22
UK Equity	186.70	198.60	+0.30	4.40
US Growth	109.40	116.30	+2.00	0.39
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Dealing: 071 382 3938. Enquiries: 071 382 3980				
American	191.64	204.41	-2.05	0.81
-do- Acc	206.68	220.46	-2.21	0.85
Australian	103.70	110.61†	+0.42	0.69
-do- Acc	121.13	129.19	+0.48	0.69
UK Enterprise	160.71	171.42†	+0.57	4.20
-do- Acc	183.59	195.83	+0.64	4.20
European Gth	51.60	55.04†	-1.66	1.86
-do- Acc	52.89	56.52	-1.71	1.86
Euro Smllr Cos	49.00	50.13†	-1.63	0.42
-do- Acc	47.18	50.34	-1.64	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	67.10	70.23†	+0.75	0.12
-do- Acc	67.85	81.05	+0.77	0.12
Fixed Interest	48.29	50.91†	+0.22	7.90
-do- Acc	57.89	61.05	+0.26	7.80
Gilt Income	94.06	100.10†	+0.69	8.80
-do- Acc	128.38	135.35	+0.84	8.80
Income	233.86	249.47†	-2.27	5.17
-do- Acc	677.43	722.61	-6.56	5.17
Japan Enterprise	42.33	45.18†	-0.35	...
-do- Acc	42.51	45.15	-0.36	...
Japan Smllr Cos	273.50	291.77†	-4.76	...
-do- Acc	274.01	292.31	-4.77	...
Pacific Gth	62.57	66.79†	+1.44	0.81
-do- Acc	64.08	68.37	+1.49	0.81
Smaller Cos	137.86	147.04†	-0.08	2.00
-do- Acc	157.05	167.51	-0.04	2.00
Tokyo	70.98	75.71†	+0.15	...
-do- Acc	71.70	76.48	+0.15	...
UK Equity	167.71	178.89†	-1.71	3.86
-do- Acc	307.08	327.56	-3.12	3.86
US Smllr Cos	84.22	89.83	+0.41	...
-do- Acc	84.22	89.83	+0.42	...
World Bd	58.06	61.93†	-0.46	2.34
-do- Acc	60.74	64.79†	-0.48	2.34
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	32.38	34.49	-0.80	5.80
Equity Strategy	49.08	52.22	-0.47	3.80
European Opps	29.82	31.71	-2.30	3.32
Maximum Inc	96.96	101.60	+0.18	6.84
UK Smaller Cos	36.38	38.17	-0.72	3.06
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	288.50	308.60	-1.40	3.67
American	189.40	201.20	+3.80	1.09
Pacific	226.70	240.80	+3.70	0.87
European	377.60	403.80	-10.40	1.79
Worldwide	63.64	68.08	+0.28	3.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	259.60	276.20	-2.40	3.82
UK Sm Cos Eqty	152.90	162.70	-0.80	3.97
European	278.20	296.00	-7.40	2.82
North American	197.20	210.40	+1.80	0.79
Income Plus Inc	50.12	52.92	-0.81	5.24
UK Spec Sits	54.95	57.98	-0.07	3.04
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	21.38	22.78	-0.22	4.11
Intl Growth Acc	21.80	23.33	+0.01	1.45
Global Inc Acc	23.09	24.51	-0.10	4.50
Market Ldrs Acc	21.77	22.65	-0.09	4.18
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	58.69	62.77†	-0.26	...
Euro Spec Sits	35.46	37.89†	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	32.71	40.16	-1.34	...
Far East Opps	32.23	34.41	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	32.69	34.71	+0.17	...
General Growth	81.82	87.50	-0.04	3.72
Global Tech	36.70	38.62	+0.95	...
Income Growth	80.67	86.33	-0.61	5.38
Income Monthly	44.75	47.84	-0.09	7.22
Japan Growth	35.86	38.31	-0.22	...
Overseas Gth	58.29	62.11	-0.77	...
Smaller Cos	33.59	35.53†	-0.09	3.52
Special Opps	69.58	74.84	-2.15	3.55
Wld Spec Sits	33.58	36.53	-0.87	...
-do- Acc	33.65	36.52	-0.28	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	36.25	38.52	-0.30	2.37
Equity Gth Acc	49.24	52.32	-0.46	1.80
UK Eq General	47.51	50.48	-0.59	3.07
-do- Acc	36.30	38.49†	-0.45	3.07
European Acc	35.36	37.58	-0.96	1.71
Far East Acc	39.15	41.60	+1.30	0.80
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.28	28.30†	-0.03	7.85
N American Acc	36.05	38.29	+0.60	1.07
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	220.80	228.80	+2.00	1.07
UK Eq High Inc	28.36	29.89†	-0.45	5.09
-do- Acc	32.90	35.06	-0.53	5.09
UK Lgr Cos Inc	265.00	280.90†	-2.40	4.45
UK Lgr Cos Acc	323.00	342.80	-3.30	4.45
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	284.50	301.80	+5.40	0.77
British	776.10	823.10†	-4.40	4.55
European	342.40	364.70†	-6.50	1.48
Japan	97.56	103.80	+1.20	...
New Pacific	217.80	232.10	+6.40	1.85
Mngd Cash	95.51	95.51†	+0.12	8.68
Majority Stg	99.43	100.62	+0.13	8.68
Inv Tst	139.60	147.30†	+1.20	2.46
Saints PEP	285.30	304.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Equity Acc	630.20	665.60	+4.60	2.82
N America Acc	83.09	88.52	+0.87	0.78
Far East Acc	88.08	94.22	+3.16	0.45
W'wide Bond	52.69	56.22†	+0.76	5.67
European	68.40	73.18†	-0.98	1.49
Equity Income	68.32	73.07	-0.56	4.81
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	28.09	30.05†	+0.40	0.67
Managed Assets	181.55	193.61	-0.28	4.23
UK Income	30.44	32.56	-0.30	5.22
UK Growth	30.77	32.91†	-0.24	3.31
Worldwide Gth	23.85	25.51	+0.14	1.42
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	158.25	168.22	+3.61	0.03
-do- Acc	171.61	182.96	+3.96	0.02
British Gth	73.03	77.69†	+0.19	3.14
-do- Acc	85.36	90.68	+0.22	3.14
European	87.00	92.92	-1.38	0.44
-do- Acc	88.23	94.42	-1.47	0.44
Extra Inc	146.29	152.75†	-1.23	6.06
-do- Acc	282.79	302.46	-1.94	6.06
General Unit	228.46	243.29	-0.81	2.45
-do- Acc	445.95	474.42	-1.20	2.40
Income	262.59	279.35	-0.85	4.80
-do- Acc	524.54	558.02	-1.70	4.80
International	303.21	322.51	+3.10	0.80
-do- Acc	320.31	342.61	+4.01	0.80
Pacific	251.58	267.64	+6.60	0.21
-do- Acc	263.48	280.30	+7.20	0.21
Premier Income	46.33	48.26	-0.21	8.27
-do- Acc	92.37	98.01	-0.47	8.27
Nat Resources	68.07	72.49†	+1.19	0.29
-do- Acc	75.70	80.53	+1.07	0.29
Selected Opps	72.86	78.58†	-0.13	2.36
-do- Acc	82.20	88.07	-0.20	2.36
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS The Exchange, 66 High St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP20 1SE. 0296 [illegible]				
American Eagle	86.89	92.27	+1.49	0.36
Australia	5.680	6.026	-0.12	1.35
Equity	149.20	159.80	-1.40	6.41
Euro Spec Sits	120.80	128.20	-4.10	0.68
Financial	28.75	30.60†	+0.20	4.63
Global Opps Inc	67.13	71.95	+0.59	2.80
-do- Acc	69.28	74.25	+0.61	2.80
Gold Gen Inc	35.01	37.60	+0.35	1.42
-do- Acc	66.57	71.42	+0.58	1.42
Income	95.50	102.80†	-1.00	6.30
Japan General	103.30	109.90	+1.60	...
Preference	18.96	20.42	-0.20	9.02
UK Capital	86.93	92.30	-0.70	2.65
Worldwide Cap	164.60	175.46	-1.60	3.16
World Income	66.74	70.13†	-0.38	4.45
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 3545				
Amer Sml Cos	68.80	73.38	+0.07	...
-do- Acc	70.96	75.60	+0.08	...
Cash	50.06	50.06†	+0.06	9.34
-do- Acc	59.60	59.60†	+0.06	9.34
European Opps	32.94	36.24	-1.18	...
-do- Acc	33.02	36.55	-1.21	...
Far East Opps	112.25	120.23	+3.49	0.81
-do- Acc	114.07	122.82	+3.57	0.81
Gold/Nat Res	30.49	32.51	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	31.34	33.42	+1.34	...
Japan	34.36	36.70	+1.31	...
-do- Acc	34.14	36.78	...	...
Little Dragons	49.89	53.00	+0.89	0.86
-do- Acc	50.89	54.36	+0.88	0.86
Oriental Income	33.97	36.06†	+0.70	4.54
-do- Acc	41.84	44.42†	+1.01	4.54
Tiger	160.40	171.05	+5.12	1.34
-do- Acc	167.70	178.84	+5.35	1.34
UK Small Cos	67.54	69.94	-2.23	3.21
-do- Acc	84.50	88.38	-3.16	3.21
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	186.10	198.80	-1.20	5.36
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australian Gold	9.01	9.58	+0.28	0.50
Pacific Basin	28.48	29.10	+0.66	0.60
Canadian Gth	28.37	30.18	+1.60	0.10
Global Bond	93.09	101.00	-0.61	7.81
Penny Share	16.36	17.40	-0.44	1.80
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 5132				
City Reserve	54.78	54.78	+0.08	10.80
Gilt Growth	60.60	62.44	+0.23	...
Gilt Income	46.97	50.09	+0.13	9.90
Short Dtd Gilt	101.90	103.20	+0.30	1.99
US Govmt Bd	50.704	50.724	0.00	...
Challenger	79.41	81.27	+1.38	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0322 388046				
Stockmarket Fd	58.34	59.68	+0.32	2.79

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Abbey Natl	4,300	Carltn Com	1,400	Land Secs	1,900	Scot Hydro	3,300
Alld-Lyons	1,700	Coats Viyla	182	Legal & Gn	1,400	Scot & New	663
Anglian W	1,300	Cm Union	803	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Scot Power	6,300
Argyll Gp	2,600	Courtaulds	1,400	Mll Cardn	741	Sears	9,400
Arjo Wig	6,300	De La Rue	51	Marks Spr	2,000	Svrn Trent	827
AB Foods	188	Eng China C	918	NFC	924	Shell Trans	4,400
BAA	1,100	Enterpr Oil	298	NatWst Bk	2,500	Siebe	1,000
BAT Inds	1,300	Fisons	2,800	Nat Power	895	SmKl Bch	3,300
BET	2,000	Forte	3,800	Nth Wst W	614	Smith Nph	2,700
BOC	596	GRE	4,100	Nthrn Fds	1,500	Smith (WH)	621
BP	9,900	GUS A	116	P & O	1,000	Sthrn Elec	1,200
BT	3,300	Gen Acc	483	Pearson	471	Sun Allnce	2,000
BTR	2,800	Gen Elec	4,200	PowerGen	2,300	TI Gp	2,200
Bk of Scot	646	Glaxo	3,500	Prudential	4,200	TSB	2,700
Barclays	9,700	Granada	1,000	RTZ	1,400	Tate & Lyle	3,100
Bass	1,800	Grand Met	3,400	Rank Org	1,100	Tesco	6,400
Blue Circle	1,200	Guinness	3,100	Reckitt Col	838	Thames W	1,100
Boots	1,300	HSBC	3,600	Redland	883	Thrn EMI	531
Bowater	385	Hanson	2,400	Reed Intl	978	Tomkins	363
Brit Airwys	2,400	ICI	781	Rentokil	261	Unilever	1,400
Brit Gas	6,800	Inchcape	695	Reuters	1,100	Utd Bisc	830
Brit Steel	8,200	Kingfisher	1,200	Rolls Royce	3,600	Vodafone	1,100
Burmh Cstrl	306	Kwik Save	480	Rothmans	598	Wellcome	1,400
Cable Wire	1,500	LASMO	2,100	Ryl Bk Scot	976	Whitbd 'A'	788
Cadbury	1,500	Ladbroke	1,700	Sainsbury	2,000	Wlms Hld	2,000

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3155.77 (-20.27)
S&P Composite 404.84 (-2.91)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 17205.72 (-129.79)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5596.71 (+41.18)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 108.0 (-0.5)

Sydney: AO 1466.2 (+0.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1439.66 (-11.46)

FTSE Euro 100: 987.08 (+0.75)

Brussels:
General 3369.19 (+10.78)

Paris: CAC 454.69 (+4.93)

Zurich: SKA Gen 414.9 (+1.6)

London:
FT A All-Share 1201.0 (+1.46)
FT 500 1344.25 (+1.16)
FT Gold Mines 72.6 (-0.5)
FT Fixed Interest 103.73 (+0.72)
FT Govt Secs 89.62 (+0.76)
Bargains 20660
SEAQ Volume 484.5m
USM (Datastrm) 111.35 (+1.25)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 28	October 9	December 30	January 11

Call options were taken out on 9/10/92: ASDA, British Vita, Babcock Intl, Cliff Res, Euro Disney, Premier Cons, Proteus Intl.
Puts: AMEC, Kalon, News Intl.
Put & Call: Berisford Intl.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	62	71	81	2½	11	15
(*605)	600	19	38	51	11	29	35
ASDA	35	6	8	11	3	4½	5½
(*38)	40	3	4½	5	4½	6½	8
Bass	550	27	40	50	7	25	29
(*560)	600	5½	18	29	36	53	59
Boots	420	39	50	61	2½	11	15
(*455½)	460	12	25	37	15	28	32
Br Airways	280	16	26	34	6½	17	20
(*288½)	300	6	17	25	17	27	31
BP	200	19	24	28	2	7½	10
(*214½)	220	5	12½	17	9	17	20
	240	2	6	9½	27	30	32
Br Steel	60	4	7½	10	4	6½	9
(*62½)	70	2½	4	6	11½	14	15
C & W	550	24	44	59	8½	22	30
(*561½)	600	4	21	33	42	52	57
CU	500	24	45	52	6½	17	30
(*517½)	550	4	20	27	38	45	58
Courtauld	420	49	59	70	4	11	14
(*464½)	460	17	33	45	13	25	31
GKN	330	35	44	49	3	7½	14
(*357½)	360	10	25	30	10	20	28
Grnd Met	390	10	25	31	13	26	30
(*380)	400	6	-	-	20	-	-
ICI	1000	72	108	123	5	21	42
(*1059)	1050	33	75	90	18	38	65
	1100	12	48	63	47	65	95
Kingfishr	460	56	72	83	4	10	14
(*509)	500	22	44	57	12	24	28
Ladbroke	160	10	21	26	7½	16	22
(*158)	180	3	14	18	22	28	34
Land Sec	390	12	22	29	6	16	18
(*394)	420	2	10	15	28	35	38
M & S	300	27	34	41	4	7½	12
(*320½)	330	6	18	25	14	21	24
Sainsbury	460	17	31	42	8	18	21
(*467½)	500	3	14	24	33	40	44
Shell	500	27	44	48	4½	11	19
(*519)	550	3	17	20	33	36	47
Smkl Bch	500	17	35	46	9½	23	28
(*507)	550	2	15	24	48	54	56
Storehse	140	16	20	27	3½	6	8
(*152)	160	5	11	15	11	16	18
Trafalgar	80	8½	13½	17	4	8	11
(*85½)	90	4½	-	-	8	-	-
Unilever	1000	41	-	-	8	-	-
(*1024½)	1050	12	-	-	35	-	-
Utd Bisc	280	25	30	37	3½	10	18
(*300)	300	8½	20	24	11	19	27

October 9, 1992 Tot: 28505 Calls 13777 Puts 12728 FT-SE Calls 2930 Puts 4039
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA	700	36	55	70	18	30	36
(*720½)	750	12	30	46	48	57	62
BAT Ind	800	65	90	99	11	22	36
(*840)	850	30	59	70	30	42	59
BTR	460	31	46	51	8	16	22
(*481)	500	9	25	28	28	35	44
Br Aero	130	24	35	37	14	23	27
(*135)	140	17	31	34	20	32	34
Br Telcm	330	33	39	45	3	9	11½
(*355½)	360	12	21	28	13	22	24
Cadbury	420	31	46	50	7½	15	23
(*436)	460	11	24	30	29	34	44
Guinness	500	37	54	62	12	18	24
(*519½)	550	12	26	35	39	45	49
GEC	240	20	27	33	3½	7	9
(*257)	260	8½	15	21	11	15	18
Hanson	200	19	22½	25	3	7	10
(*213½)	220	5	11½	14	9½	15½	18½
LASMO	160	16	26	30	11	20	26
(*164½)	180	8	18	21	24	31	37
Lucas	80	15	18	20	6½	10	12
(*90)	90	9	-	-	12	-	-
P & O	390	26	45	52	22	33	48
(*392)	420	13	30	38	40	50	67
Pilkingtn	70	15	18	21	4½	8	11
(*77½)	80	8	14	17	8½	13	15
Prudential	260	18	26	30	6	11	16
(*268)	280	7	16	20	17	21	27
RTZ	550	50	71	75	6½	17	26
(*588½)	600	18	37	45	28	38	51
Scot New	420	21	31	41	13	22	25
(*421½)	460	6	15	24	40	45	50
Tesco	200	32	39	41	3½	6	8
(*227)	220	16	25	31	6½	10½	15
Thames W	420	27	35	46	8	13	16
(*440)	460	6½	16	24	31	35	36
Vodafone	330	26	35	46	11	20	25
(*339)	360	10	22	31	27	36	42

FT-SE INDEX (*2541)

		2400	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650
Calls	Oct	158	123	88	36	17	8
	Nov	192	164	108	82	58	35
	Dec	211	183	135	110	78	55
	Jan	230	192	158	130	112	79
	Jun	295	-	220	-	175	-
Puts	Oct	6	12	23	42	80	130
	Nov	29	38	56	78	98	138
	Dec	40	50	70	93	112	145
	Jan	50	64	75	95	110	152
	Jun	75	-	105	-	145	-

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	300	23	30	33	9	15	18
(*308)	330	9	16	19	25	32	35
Amstrad	25	5	5½	8	3	3½	5
(*26)	30	2	4	5	6	6½	7
Barclays	330	32	41	43	16	24	28
(*340½)	360	17	25	29	32	42	45
Blue Circ	130	18	24	26	10½	15	21
(*135)	140	14	19	22	17	21	26
Br Gas	240	14	20	23	8½	11½	16½
(*250½)	260	5	11½	13	21½	23	28
Dixons	200	27	33	40	7	13	15
(*215½)	220	15	21	29	16	23	25
Eurotnnl	360	35	48	60	29	38	48
(*361)	390	22	35	46	48	58	62
Forte	140	26	33	35	7½	12	18
(*154)	160	14	22	26	17	22	29
Glaxo	750	60	82	103	31	49	58
(*770)	800	35	58	78	58	73	82
HSBC	390	45	58	63	11	20	26
(*419)	420	27	41	48	24	34	39
Hillsdwn	90	15	-	23	10	-	18
(*95)	100	10	-	19	16	-	24
Lonrho	50	14	18	19	2½	5	6
(*60½)	60	7	12	14	6	8½	9½
Midland	460	130	-	-	2	-	-
(*568)	500	90	-	-	6	-	-
Reuter	1250	87	128	146	50	81	96
(*1264)	1300	60	103	125	75	105	120
R-Royce	120	14½	18	19	4	8	9
(*128½)	130	8½	12½	14½	8½	12	13½
Sears	80	10	13	15	5½	8	10
(*83)	90	5½	8½	11	11	14	16
Thrn Emi	750	50	67	84	20	31	37
(*772½)	800	24	40	57	47	57	62
TSB	120	18	21	23	3½	6½	8
(*130)	130	11	15	17	6½	11	13
Vaal Reefs	30	3½	5½	6	4	4½	5
(*$30)	35	3	3½	3½	7½	9½	9½
Wellcome	950	70	100	122	44	62	72
(*971½)	1000	50	77	100	70	87	100

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Fisons	200	15	31	40	11	24	31
(*205½)	220	7	21	30	20	35	42

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Elc	350	29	38	46	6	14	17
(*369½)	370	16	26	34	14	22	25

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	260	21	27	33	8	15	17
(*266)	280	10	17	23	19	24	27
Scot Pwr	190	9½	-	-	7½	-	-
(*190)	200	4½	8½	11	13	16	17

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 43910)	Dec 92	2585.0	2603.0	2564.0	2575.0	9037
	Mar 93					0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 225710)	Dec 92	91.95	91.95	91.82		18577
	Mar 93	92.44	92.48	92.39		4359
	Jun 93	92.55	92.58	92.52		2986
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 22584)	Dec 92	96.78	96.79	96.71		2646
	Mar 93	96.73	96.73	96.65		730
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 363725)	Dec 92	91.79	91.85	91.75		18007
	Mar 93	92.47	92.55	92.45		12966
US Treasury Bond (Previous open interest: 1550)	Dec 92	104-07	104-10	103-16		93
	Mar 93					0
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 59299)	Dec 92	96-20	96-27	96-15		22280
	Mar 93					0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 92	106.37	106.39	106.18		922
	Mar 93					0
German Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 164717)	Dec 92	91.13	91.36	91.00		39932
	Mar 93	91.35	91.41	91.32		56
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 10705)	Dec 92	90.08	90.23	90.08		886
	Mar 93	90.90	90.95	90.88		139
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 40788)	Dec 92	93.71	93.77	93.68		3648
	Mar 93	94.10	94.15	94.03		547
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 27871)	Dec 92	87.95	88.32	87.20		10687
	Mar 93					

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 82.8 (day's range 82.3-83.1).

Mkt Rates for Oct 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7911-2.8383	2.8280-2.8383	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	51.23-52.06	51.71-51.92	3-2ds	4-7ds
Copenhagen	9.6210-9.7390	9.6720-9.6960	1⅞-5⅝ds	8¼-12¼ds
Dublin	0.9605-0.9645	0.9606-0.9640	71-123ds	186-248ds
Frankfurt	2.4875-2.5186	2.5144-2.5185	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Lisbon	221.26-225.40	222.50-224.40	227-482ds	n/a
Madrid	177.00-180.60	178.80-180.20	n/a	n/a
Milan	2191.00-2233.00	2212.00-2231.00	11-14ds	37-40ds
Montreal	2.1056-2.1264	2.1172-2.1195	0.32-0.23pr	0.51-0.40pr
New York	1.6865-1.7040	1.6955-1.6965	0.85-0.83pr	2.31-2.29pr
Oslo	10.1860-10.3100	10.2400-10.2640	2¼-4¾ds	8¾-11¾ds
Paris	8.4370-8.6440	8.6300-8.6440	2-2¼ds	5¼-6¼ds
Stockholm	9.3600-9.4750	9.4100-9.4330	3⅞-7¼ds	10⅞-15⅜ds
Tokyo	204.74-207.72	206.68-206.98	⅞-⅞pr	2⅞-2⅝pr
Vienna	17.48-17.74	17.61-17.72	⅞-¼pr	1¼-1⅞ds
Zurich	2.2000-2.2314	2.2261-2.2293	⅞-⅞pr	1⅞-1⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina peso*	1.6874-1.6902
Australia dollar	2.3611-2.3642
Bahrain dinar	0.634-0.643
Brazil cruzeiro *	11613.0-11635.2
Cyprus pound	0.742-0.752
Finland markka	7.905-7.985
Greece drachma	323.02-327.48
Hong Kong dollar	13.10-13.11
India rupee	47.68-48.34
Kuwait dinar KD	0.496-0.503
Malaysia ringgit	4.2510-4.2553
Mexico peso	5220-5320
New Zealand dollar	3.1262-3.1339
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3065-6.3935
Singapore dollar	2.7229-2.7263
S Africa rand (fin)	7.2425-7.4044
S Africa rand (com)	4.8704-4.8768
U A E dirham	6.1775-6.2625

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.3921-1.3931
Austria	10.39-10.44
Belgium (Com)	30.45-30.55
Canada	1.2485-1.2490
Denmark	5.705-5.715
France	5.016-5.021
Germany	1.4785-1.4795
Hong Kong	7.731-7.732
Ireland	1.772-1.775
Italy	1295.0-1310.0
Japan	121.8-121.9
Malaysia	2.5065-2.5075
Netherlands	1.658-1.663
Norway	6.04-6.05
Portugal	131.25-132.25
Singapore	1.6055-1.6065
Spain	105.0-106.0
Sweden	5.55-5.56
Switzerland	1.3100-1.3115

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 9 Finance Hse 10½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 9 Low 8½ Week fixed: 9
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 8⅝; 3 mth 8⅝. Sell: 2 mth 8⅝; 3 mth 8⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅝-8½	
Sterling Money Rates: Interbank:	9-8⅞	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅝-8½	8⅝-8½
	9⅛-9	9-8⅞	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅝-8½
Overnight: open 9¼, close 8¾.					
Local Authority Deps:	8⅞	n/a	8¾	8½	8¼
Sterling CDs:	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅝-8½	
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.06	n/a	3.14-3.12	3.14-3.12	3.38-3.36
Building Society CDs:	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾		

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £456m allotted: £100m; Bids: £97.985% received: 100%; Last week: £n/a% received: n/a%; Avge rate: £8.0821% last wk £8.1102%; Next week: £100m.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	9⅛-8⅞	9⅛-8⅞	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	9⅛-9
French Franc:	12½-11½	12½-11½	11½-11½	10⅞-10⅝	15-10
Swiss Franc:	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-5⅞
Yen:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞

Bullion: Open $349.70-350.20 Close: $350.90-351.40 High: $350.90-351.40 Low: $349.40-349.90 Krugerrand: $350.00-352.00 (£206.00-208.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-86.00 (£49.00-51.00) New $84.00-86.00 (£49.00-51.00)
Platinum: $356.00 (£209.70) Silver: $3.80 (£2.235) Palladium: $94.75 (£55.80)

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Coffee ended with slightly pared gains after some profit-taking ahead of the weekend, activity was mostly technical with book squaring pressuring prices off the highs. Cocoa closed on the day's lows on long liquidation. White sugar was quiet. Raws were unchanged. Afternoon trade on both wheat and barley was mixed, although prices moved higher no strong trend developed.

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Reports that a US citizen was taken hostage by Iraq conspired with healthy European margins to see crude soar.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Dec	662-661	Mar	792 SLR
Mar	688-687	May	809-805
May	706 SLR	Jul	832-828
Jul	724-723	Sep	850-846
Sep	742 SLR		
Dec	766-765		Volume: 3556

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	843-842	Jul	866-863
Jan	856-855	Sep	870-860
Mar	867-865	Nov	880-870
May	864-860		Volume: 1903

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Aug	202.0-94.0
Spot n/a		Oct	200.0-94.0
Dec	194.0-90.0	Dec	198.0-94.0
Mar	193.0-92.0	Mar	unq
May	195.0-94.0		Volume: 48

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	264.7-63.3
Spot: 263.5		Oct	253.2-50.8
Dec	257.0-56.0	Dec	254.1-50.7
Mar	257.0-56.3	Mar	257.1-52.7
May	259.2-58.3		Volume: 103

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	79.18	76.30	108.93
(+/-)	+6.19	+2.97	+1.09
Eng/Wales:	79.18	76.15	108.46
(+/-)	+6.19	+2.72	-0.66
(%)	-2.2	-14.0	-46.9
Scotland:	n/a	76.88	111.53
(+/-)	n/a	+3.97	+3.37
(%)	n/a	-2.7	-21.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Pig)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Oct	102.0	102.0	Jan	95.5	95.5
Nov	103.0	103.0			Volume: 8

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	124.35
Jan	127.35
Mar	130.35
May	132.90
Jun	134.25
	Volume: 708

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	122.70
Jan	126.45
Mar	129.40
May	131.15
Sep	101.00
	Volume: 186

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Oct	133.50
Dec	135.50
Feb	137.80
Apr	138.80
Jun	unq
	Volume: 30

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	42.5
Apr	60.5	61.0
May	unq	66.0
		Volume: 18

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Nov 58.75-58.25

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.75	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.75	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.80	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	22.25	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	22.20	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	220 (+4)	223 (+4)
Gasoil EEC	201 (+3)	202 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Oct	202 (+3)	203 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	202 (+3)	203 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	101 (n/c)	102 (n/c)
Naphtha	192 (+2)	195 (+3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Oct	194.75-95.25	Jan	200.75-01.00
Nov	198.50-98.75	Feb	196.00-97.00
Dec	200.50-00.75	Mar	189.00-89.25
			Vol: 28816

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	20.81-20.82	Feb	20.64-20.65
Dec	20.82-20.83	Mar	20.45-20.50
Jan	20.76-20.77		Vol: 33419

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	215.50 BID	Jan	205.50-06.50
Nov	213.00-15.00	Feb	210.00 SLR
Dec	210.50 SLR		Vol: 564

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 92	1095	1085	1086
Nov 92	1133	1130	1133
Dec 92	1135	1130	1129
Jan 93	1180	1180	1180

Vol: 55 lots. Open int'st: 3287 Index 1038 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3 mths	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1341.0-1342.0	1374.5-1375.0	874475
Lead (£/tonne)	324.00-324.50	335.00-335.50	85000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1186.5-1187.0	1195.0-1196.0	335450
Tin ($/tonne)	6245.0-6255.0	6300.0-6305.0	12075
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1189.0-1189.5	1212.0-1212.5	925350
Nickel ($/tonne)	6588.0-6590.0	6655.0-6660.0	30384

Northampton welcome back Hunter

Bath are using new laws to good effect

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

IF ANDY Robinson, Bath's forthright captain, is correct, the only English club which has genuinely come to terms with the law changes this season is his own. Certainly Northampton, who Bath meet today at Franklins Gardens in a Courage Clubs Championship encounter which could have a decisive bearing on the first division championship outcome, are not about to dispute it.

Northampton were many people's tips this season, if not for the title then as dark horses in the championship race. But their form has been disappointing.

"Perhaps other people's expectations exceeded our own," Barrie Corless, their director of coaching, said. "We have always been slow starters. This season we have been coming to terms with the new laws and we have found that other clubs are playing negative, spoiling rugby against us.

"In consequence it has been difficult to establish the pattern of play we have been used to over the last couple of seasons. And people should remember we have had only two seasons in the first division; we are still learning.

"When we reached the first division our aim was to get to where Bath were but they haven't stood still. Every year they take another stride forward. They looked vulnerable for a time last season but they came back. Our Cup game with them was probably the best, in some ways, that we played — and we still lost. They have so many good players throughout the side that it's very difficult to plan a game against them."

The point is illustrated this week. Bath have been able to rest two England internationals, John Hall and Nigel Redman. "I feel we are clearly way above every other team in the division at the moment," Robinson said, and Bath do not make such statements idly. "We are the only side of the 13 who know how to play to the rewritten laws. They suit our game."

Worryingly for all the others, Robinson believes that Bath have put their game together only in ten-minute bursts in their two league matches so far. "We haven't really played well up at Northampton but this time we have to take the game to them and blow them away."

Seeking solace for Northampton, their coach, Glenn Ross, believes that this week's training, incorporating heavy scrummaging duty, was the best this season and they have Ian Hunter fit once more.

Hunter will join his England colleagues at Castle Croft this evening and the side to play Canada will be named tomorrow. The Canadians arrive on Monday and will play Rosslyn Park on Tuesday evening in a conditioned game of four 20-minute spells.

Another, and rather better, touring party passes through England tomorrow. The Australians, the world champions, touch down at Gatwick en route to Dublin to start their visit to Ireland and Wales. Their first match is against Leinster next Saturday.

☐ Thurrock, the fourth division club, have been penalised two points for fielding an ineligible player.

☐ Jason Ball, the former Wales squad centre, has left Neath and joined Swansea.

Hare's next goal is promotion

An old Lion wise in the ways of the rugby union jungle speaks to Michael Austin

MORE than one coach in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship has suggested that the relegation of seven clubs has prompted panic rugby, a game played more through fear of failure than anticipation of success.

At Nottingham, however, Dusty Hare, the club's director of rugby, is just as unflappable as the February day in 1980 when he kicked the wide-angled penalty goal which beat Wales 9-8 and set England on the way to the grand slam.

Today, Nottingham, top of the table with three victories, travel to meet Newcastle Gosforth, winners of both previous league matches, in a game highly relevant to the struggle for the one available promotion place.

Hare, the world record points scorer with 7,191, including 240 in 25 matches for England, is a realist. Not many administrators would have greeted the news philosophically that Chris Gray, the Scotland lock and a mammoth influence on the Nottingham pack, was injured and would not play.

"It is just another challenge," Hare said. "Throughout my playing career with Newark, Nottingham, Leicester, England and the British Isles, I was not associated with a team which struggled and I am not starting that now."

Hare, a sheep farmer and one-time Nottinghamshire cricketeer, has a two-year contract worth around £25,000 per annum. His brief, with the unpaid help of Neil Mantell, the first team coach and former England lock, is to restructure the club, foster the under-19 and under-21 teams and take the senior side back into the first division.

After seven years in the top echelons of merit table and league rugby, Nottingham were relegated last season. Their injury list was lengthy and three international players, Hodgkinson, Rees, and Gray, appeared together in only one of the 12 league games. Alan Davies, the club coach, took up duties with Wales, which only added to the turmoil.

Bright outlook: Hare intends to put Nottingham back in the first division

Three England players, Andrew, Oti and Moore, had long disappeared to London, and other talented players, Back, Hackney and Thorneycroft, had also gone. Instead of lamenting that, Nottingham appointed Hare with the inbuilt priority of forging links with clubs in Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire.

Tony Butcher, the club chairman, said: "A few of us believed we had been skating on thin ice for a long time by not developing youngsters. The national pool of top players is so over-fished and to attract them, you must be in the first division anyway."

Stuart Potter and Wayne Kilford joined Leicester within days of Nottingham going down, which Hare expected. "What hurt me was Matt Greenwood moving to Wasps and John Wilby switching to Leeds almost on the registration deadline." Hare said. "We had no time to cover their loss. But that is the new law of the jungle."

While the league activity goes on, Roger Whittaker, a contemporary of Hare in the Nottingham side, has taken charge of the younger teams, who last season cancelled more than 30 games through lack of players.

The under-21s have exceeded 40 points twice in three games and the burgeoning youth squad includes seven colts who have played at divisional level. Hare is looking towards the future by investing time in schools and working with youth development officers. As for the present, he will have a clearer impression of the club's promotion potential after today's match.

Selectors reward first win

From Chris Thau in Toulouse

THE selection, virtually *en masse*, of the team which beat Pau in midweek for the South Africans' match against Mid-Pyrenees today, reflects the delight of the management that the touring team was able to end its sequence of three consecutive defeats since returning to international rugby.

"We burst the bubble," the hooker, Harry Roberts, said. "We lost to New Zealand, Australia and the first French side in Bordeaux. It became oppressive. We almost got used to the idea of defeat. The pressure was on us. Now we are really starting the tour."

John Williams, the South Africa coach, said he had told the players before the tour that they would have little time to adjust to the demands of international rugby. "This is a short tour and each player in contention will have only one chance," he said. "If they blow it they will have to live with it.

"I told them there was no use coming back trying to blame someone else. I know it's unfair, especially for the guys who played in the first game, but as I told them, if you can't live with pressure you must not be in this game."

Williams said the performances in the two tour games had perplexed him. "We have first a side unable to control the game, making error after error, losing on a sunny, dry day in Bordeaux, and then a team that won in the mud, against an equally strong if not stronger selection in Pau. And all that with the first international only one week away."

Williams said the team which beat Pau "answered magnificently to the challenge. The quality of the loose ball improved dramatically, but above everything else the spirit is different. Suddenly the players found the missing urgency".

Naas Botha, the captain, who replaces Hennie le Roux, is the only change from the winning side, but others could follow if the rekindled fire goes out again.

MID-PYRENEES: H Mola, P Gargues, M Marseing, H Coulignal, D Dapoz, B Bellot, F Gabrie, F Ancelin, R Tremouled, C Califano, T Masel, H Miorin, J Pelous, N Hallinger, A Carminati.

SOUTH AFRICANS: T van Rensburg, J Small, D Gerber, H Fuls, J Olivier, N Botha, G Wright, J Styger, H Roberts, W Hills, W Bartmann, A Malan, D Hattingh, A Richter, T Strauss.

Referee: P Robin (France)

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

Courage Championship
First division

Bristol v Saracens
Bristol give Becconsall, 19, his debut at scrum half in an otherwise unchanged side. The former England colt replaces the injured Bracken for a game which has tended to go with home advantage. Diprose remains in Saracens' back row in the continued absence of Crawley. Reed plays on the wing.

Harlequins v L Scottish
Carling and Evans return to the Harlequins centre while Killick replaces the injured Moore at hooker. His opposite number, Gilchrist (who replaces Marr) is the only Scottish change.

Leicester v West Hartlepool
Both clubs are unchanged, even though both lost last weekend, but only by one and three points respectively. Leicester remain without Rory Underwood (on holiday) for their first league meeting with West Hartlepool.

Northampton v Bath
Northampton lost to Bath in league and cup last season but have Hunter back at full back for what is this weekend's featured match on television. Beal reverts to centre and Packman to the wing. Allen comes in at prop. Bath prefer Haag to Redman and Robinson's inclusion at open side flanker means Ojomoh switches to the blind side.

Orrell v London Irish
Orrell welcome back Southern, their former captain, to prop; he joins Taylor in the front row after a back injury to Hitchen. Wellens (centre) and Halsall (wing) join the back division against an Irish side which includes Burke at stand-off.

Rugby v Wasps
The England under-21 wing, Bromley, returns for Rugby and Charles plays No 8 against an unchanged Wasps team enjoying its leadership of the first division.

Heineken League
First division

Bridgend v Newport
Bridgend, with only one win in five games and having dismissed their management team this week, introduce Wintle and Thomas on the wings; Derrick makes his league debut at flanker. Newport switch Westwood and McCracken at full back and wing respectively, but are without George.

Llanelli v Cardiff
Emyr Lewis misses the game after injuring a shoulder while playing for Wales on Wednesday. Quinnell is also absent and Phil Davies moves to the back row with Perego and Lyn Jones, Pugh coming in at lock. Cardiff, in the most significant test of their successful season, bring Hall (centre) and Booth (scrum half) into the back division and Taylor (No. 8) and Humphries (hooker) into the pack.

Neath v Aberavon
Two hookers called Phillips are restored: Kevin, the former Wales hooker, leads Neath after recovering from a back injury and Leighton comes into Aberavon's front row. Bumford earns a league debut for Neath, who play Paul Jones at No 8, while Aberavon change both half backs because of injury.

Pontypool v Swansea
Pontypool's record against the league champions is as good as any, but half backs Jonathan and Phillips left this week to add to the club's problems with indifferent form. Hanson plays at stand-off with Carr at full back and Spiller replacing the suspended flanker, Vince Davies. Swansea give Taylor and Weatherley games at wing and scrum half and Jenkins returns at hooker.

Pontypridd v Maesteg
Pontypridd's captain, Bezani, was sent off last week so John leads from scrum half and James comes in at prop for a game in which Pontypridd did the double last season, though Maesteg have proved a handful for most opponents this season.

S W Police v Newbridge
The Police conceded 65 points to Cardiff last week and suffered the frustration of watching players qualified for them performing well in other clubs' sides. They have yet to win, but Newbridge have only one victory to their credit and are without Rees, and Waters.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.00 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Barnsley v Luton
Birmingham v Leicester
Bristol City v Charlton
Millwall v Cambridge Utd
Newcastle v Tranmere
Notts County v Grimsby
Peterborough v Brentford
Portsmouth v Swindon
Southend v Wolverhampton
Watford v Bristol Rovers

Second division
Blackpool v Preston
Bolton v Hartlepool
Bournemouth v Rotherham
Brighton v Wigan
Fulham v Hull
Huddersfield v Reading
Mansfield v Stockport
Plymouth v Chester
Stoke v Leyton Orient
Swansea v Exeter
West Brom v Port Vale

Third division
Crewe v Cardiff (all ticket)
Doncaster v Gillingham
Halifax v Colchester
Lincoln v Walsall
Rochdale v Carlisle
Scarborough v Northampton
Scunthorpe v York
Shrewsbury v Darlington
Torquay v Chesterfield
Wrexham v Bury

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bromsgrove v Wycombe
Farnborough v Kettering
Welling v Boston
Witton v Yeovil

Scottish League
Premier division
Airdrie v Partick
Falkirk v Dundee

First division
Clydebank v Cowdenbeath
Dunfermline v Ayr
Kilmarnock v Morton
Meadowbank v Hamilton
St Mirren v Raith
Stirling v Dumbarton

Second division
Alloa v Stranraer
Arbroath v Albion
Clyde v Montrose
E Fife v Queen of South
E Stirling v Stenhousemuir
Forfar v Berwick
Queen's Park v Brechin

FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Bishop Auckland v Blyth Spartans, Spennymoor v Gateshead, Netherfield v Guisborough, Dunston FB v Northallerton, Seaham Red Star v Stockton, Bragg v Southport, Colwyn Bay v Altrincham, Stalybridge Celtic v Accrington Stanley, Macclesfield v Horwich RMI, Nantwich v Marine, Stafford Rangers v Frickley Athletic, Gainsborough Trinity v Pelsall Villa, Nuneaton Borough v Raunds, Sutton Coldfield v Rushall Olympic, Shepshed Albion v Hednesford, Moor Green v VS Rugby, Corby v Aveley, Leyton v Cambridge City, Newmarket v Grays Athletic, Stevenage Borough v St Albans, Wembley v Hendon, Chesham v Berkhamsted, Slough Town v Yeading, Ashford Town v Deal, Dorking v Dover Athletic, Worthing v Canterbury City; Chertsey v Kingstonian, Sittingbourne v Havant, Witney v Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Abingdon v Bashley, Brockenhurst v Salisbury, Lymington v Cheltenham; Newport AFC v Clevedon, Bath City v Weymouth.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Kidsgrove Athletic, Blackpool Rovers v Salford City, Burscough v Bamber Bridge, Clitheroe v Flixton, Darwen v Bradford Park Avenue, Eastwood Hanley v Blackpool Mechanics, Maine Road (Man) v Chadderton, Penrith v Prescot, St Helens v Newcastle Town, Skelmersdale v Bacup Borough.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke v Dulwich; Bromley v Wivenhoe, Carshalton v Harrow; Enfield v Aylesbury, Hayes v Marlow; Windsor and Eton v Sutton United. First division: Billericay v Purfleet, Bishop's Stortford v Maidenhead; Boreham Wood v Heybridge Swifts, Hitchin v Barking, Tooting and Mitcham v Walton and Hersham, Uxbridge v Lewes. Second division: Barton v Harefield; Edgware v Saffron Walden; Egham v Leatherhead; Malden Vale v Hemel Hempstead; Rainham v Witham; Southall v Hampton; Tilbury v Ruislip Manor; Ware v Hungerford. Third division: Bracknell v Epsom and Ewell; Camberley v Feltham and Hounslow B; Clapton v Petersfield; Cove v Hornchurch, Hertford v Aldershot Town; Leighton v Kingsbury; Royston v East Thurrock; Thame v Northwood, Tring v Flackwell Heath.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Whitley Bay; Buxton v Hyde; Droylsden v Matlock; Emley v Chorley; Fleetwood v Goole; Morecambe v Mossley. First division: Alfreton v Ashton United; Bridlington Town v Curzon Ashton, Caernarfon v Radcliffe Borough; Congleton v Great Harwood, Gretna v Farsley Celtic; Harrogate v Worksop, Knowsley v Guiseley, Lancaster City v Warrington, Rossendale v Workington. President's Cup: Winsford v Leek.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Burton, Crawley Town v Gloucester; Dorchester v Halesowen, Trowbridge v Waterlooville, Worcester v Hastings. Midland division: Bilston v Tamworth; Bridgnorth v Rushden and Diamonds, Evesham v Bedworth; King's Lynn v Gresley Rovers, Leicester United v Stourbridge, Redditch v Barri, Weston-super-Mare v RC Warwick, Yate v Dudley. Southern division: Andover v Bury; Baldock v Burnham; Buckingham v Newport, IoW; Fareham v Dunstable; Fisher Athletic v Poole, Gravesend and Northfleet v Erith and Belvedere; Margate v Sudbury.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballyclare v Ards; Ballymena v Distillery, Bangor v Linfield; Carrick v Omagh Town; Cliftonville v Glenavon, Coleraine v Newry, Glentoran v Larne; Portadown v Crusaders.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield United v Aston Villa.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Ipswich v Southampton.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Second round: Porthmadog v Cemaes Bay, Rhyl v CPD Felinheli, Llanfairpwll v Llandudno; Bangor City v Mostyn; Conwy v Holywell, Lex XI v Gresford Athletic; Mold Alexandra v Brymbo, Ruthin v Flint Town; Cefn Druids v Connah's Quay Nomads, British Aerospace v Llay RBL, Llansantffraid v Welshpool, Caersws v Kidderminster Harriers; Caino v Morda; Aberystwyth v Knighton; Newtown v Llanidloes, BP Llandarcy v Cardiff Corinthians; Llanwern v Llanelli, Inter-Cardiff v Porthcawl; Caerau v Afan Lido, Haverfordwest County v Pembroke Borough; Cwmbran v Merthyr Tydfil; Ebbw Vale v Abergavenny Thursdays, Risca Utd v Caerleon; Port Talbot v Carmarthen, Briton Ferry v Caldicot, Brecon Corinthians v Ton Pentre, AFC Porth v Cardiff Civil Service.

FA VASE: Preliminary round: Hinckley v Thackley, Stratford v Northfield, Leverstock Green v Brook House, Eton Manor v Hoddesdon, Wootton Blue Cross v Barkingside, Westbury v Wantage; North Leigh v Fairford. Preliminary round replays: Pickering v Walker; Denaby v Friar Lane Old Boys, Arundel v Derenth Heathside. Preliminary round, second replays: Banstead Athletic v Whitstable; Worsborough Bridge v Ossett Albion.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Minehead, Bristol Manor Farm v Exmouth, Chard Town v Mangotsfield; Chippenham v Plymouth Argyle; Elmore v Dawlish; Frome v Torquay United; Liskeard Athletic v Taunton, Paulton v Saltash, Tiverton v Torrington.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris v Brantham Athletic, Fakenham v Harwich and Parkeston, Felixstowe v Wisbech, Halstead v Norwich United, Haverhill v Great Yarmouth, Histon v Lowestoft, March Town v Wroxham; Stowmarket v Diss, Tiptree v Gorleston, Watton v Brightlingsea.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Eccleshill; Glasshoughton Wel v Belper, Harrogate RA v Ossett Town; North Ferriby v Maltby MW; Stocksbridge PS v Pontefract Col; Winterton Rangers v Sheffield.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Ignatians v Old Danes; Old Wilsonians v C Manning; Old Meadonians v Old Aloysians; Glyn v Old Tiffinians; Enfield v Chertsey.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge United v Millwall, Charlton v Arsenal, Chelsea v Leyton Orient; Fulham v Ipswich, Portsmouth v QPR, Southend v Gillingham; Watford v Norwich, West Ham v Tottenham. Second division: Bournemouth v Brighton, Brentford v Bristol City, Colchester v Reading, Oxford Utd v Swindon, Southampton v Luton, Tottenham v Bristol Rovers; Wimbledon v Crystal Palace.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Civil Service v Crouch End Vampires, Norsemen v Old Actonians; West Wickham v Old Bromleians, Midland Bank v Carshalton; South Bank Poly v Old Parkonians, Barclays Bank v Southgate Olympic, Winchmore Hill v Alexandra Park; Lloyds Bank v Ibis, Broomfield v Kew Association; Lensbury v Polytechnic; Brentham v Bank of England; Old Parmiterians v East Barnet OG; Cuaco v Old Latymerians, Merton v Old Lyonians; Royal Bank Scotland v Reigate Priory.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village v Old Grammarians, Old Fairlopians v Southgate County.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Lancing Old Boys, Old Etonians v Old Chigwellians, Old Malvernians v Old Reptonians, Old Wellingburians v Old Cholmeleians. First division: Old Brentwoods v Old Ardinians, Old Harrovians v Old Wykehamists v Old Salopians v Old Foresters, Old Wykehamists v Old Westminsters.

LACROSSE

SOUTH OF ENGLAND MEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Bath v Hampstead; Buckhurst Hill v Kenton; Hitchin v Hillcroft, London University v Purley. Second division: Southampton v Tatsfield, Orpington v Beckenham, Purley A v Enfield, Kenton v Hillcroft A.

RUGBY UNION

3.00 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship
First division
Bristol v Saracens
Harlequins v London Scottish
Leicester v West Hartlepool
Northampton v Bath
Orrell v London Irish
Rugby v Wasps

Second division
Coventry v Blackheath
Morley v Waterloo
Newcastle Gosforth v Nottingham
Richmond v Moseley
Rosslyn Park v Bedford
Wakefield v Sale

Third division
Aspatria v Sheffield
Clifton v Broughton Park
Exeter v Askeans
Havant v Otley
Plymouth Albion v Redruth

Fourth division north
Durham City v Kendal
Harrogate v Nuneaton
Lichfield v Stoke
Preston G v Stourbridge
Rotherham v Hereford
Walsall v Winnington Park

Fourth division south
Berry Hill v Weston-super-Mare
High Wycombe v Camborne
London Welsh v North Walsham
Lydney v Basingstoke
Maidstone v Sudbury
Southend v Thurrock

Club matches
Liverpool St Helens v Leeds
Loughborough Students v Oxford University
Towcestrians v Metropolitan Police

Heineken Welsh League
All 2.30

First division
Bridgend v Newport
Llanelli v Cardiff
Neath v Aberavon
Pontypool v Swansea
Pontypridd v Maesteg
South Wales Police v Newbridge

Second division
Blaina v Penarth
Cross Keys v Llandovery
Dunvant v Llanharan
Ebbw Vale v Abertillery
Glamorgan Wndrs v Tredegar
Tenby Utd v Narberth

THIRD DIVISION: Abercynon v Pontypool Utd, Aberavon Quins v Tumble, Blackwood v Kenfig Hill, Bonymaen v Rumney, St Peters v Wrexham, Treorchy v Mountain Ash.

FOURTH DIVISION: Cardiff Quins v Cilfynydd, Cardigan v Colwyn Bay, Carmarthen v Garndiffaith, Ruthin v Kidwelly, Vardre v Builth Wells, Ystradgynlais v Tondu.

McEwan's Scottish League
Second division
Boroughmuir v Glasgow High
Dundee HSFP v Selkirk
Edinburgh Ac v Watsonians
Gala v Heriot's FP
Hawick v Currie
Kelso v Jed-Forest
Stirling County v Melrose

Second division
Clarkston v Wigtownshire
Glasgow Acad v Preston Lodge
Grangemouth v Dunfermline
Kilmarnock v Edinburgh Wndrs
Kirkcaldy v Ayr
Musselburgh v West of Scotland
Stewart's Mel FP v Peebles

THIRD DIVISION: Haddington v Dumfries, Morgan Acad FP v Portobello FP, Langholm v Hillhead Jordanhill, Perthshire v Biggar, Corstorphine v Royal High, St Boswells v Gordonians, Hutchesons' Aloysians v Howe of Fife.

FOURTH DIVISION: Trinity Acads v Dalziel HSFP, Livingston v Leith Acads, East Kilbride v Alloa, Lismore v Cambuslang, Aberdeen GSFP v Highland, Cartha QP v Edinburgh University, Stewartry v Linlithgow.

Insurance Corporation
All Ireland League
All 2.30

First division
Constitution v Old Wesley
Garryowen v St Mary's College
Greystones v Dungannon
Young Munster v Ballymena

Second division
Bangor v Wanderers
Dolphin v Blackrock College
Galwegians v Instonians
Lansdowne v Clontarf
Terenure v Old Crescent

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Ealing v Old Mid-Whitgiftians, Ealing v Tabard, Eton Manor v Dorking, Old Gaytonians v Sidcup, Streatham and Croydon v Guildford and Godalming, Sutton and Epsom v Old Colfeians. Second division north: Cambridge v Ruislip, Chingford v Norwich, Finchley v Upper Clapton, Harlow v Lensbury, Old Edwardians v Bishop's Stortford, Woodford v Ipswich. Second division south: Charlton Park v Old Reigatians, Lewes v US Portsmouth, Old Blues v Gravesend, Old Juddian v Thanet Wanderers, Westcombe Park v KCS Old Boys, Worthing v Esher. Third division north-west: Fullerians v Harpenden, Grasshoppers v Letchworth, Kingsburians v Staines, Old Albanians v Hertford, Old Merchant Taylors v Old Elizabethans, Old Meadonians v Old Verulamian. Third division north-east: Brentwood v Woodbridge, Cantabrigian v Braintree, Canvey Island v Rochford, Colchester v Chelmsford, Saffron Walden v Campion, Westcliff v Romford and GP. Third division south-east: Beckenham v Tunbridge Wells, Dartfordians v Crawley, Erith v East Grinstead, Hove v Brighton, Old Beccehamians v Horsham, Old Brockleians v Gillingham Anchorians. Third division south-west: Alton v Old Wimbledonians, Cranleigh v Old Emanuel, Eastleigh v Millbrook, Jersey v Purley, Old Walcountians v Warlingham, Portsmouth v Guys Hospital.

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Cheltenham v Henley, Cinderford v Brixham, Gordon League v Sherborne, Reading v Torquay, Salisbury v Penryn, St Ives v Maidenhead. Second division: Banbury v Windsor, Bridgwater v Taunton, Clevedon v Stroud, Combe Down v Aylesbury, Marlow v Old Culverhaysians, Matson v Barnstaple. Western Counties: Crediton v Bideford, Devon and Cornwall Police v Wiveliscombe, Drybrook v Avonmouth, Gloucester Old Boys v Plymouth CS, Okehampton v Spartans, Penzance Newlyn v Tiverton. Southern Counties: Bletchley v Bicester, Bournemouth v Chippenham, Dorchester v Bracknell, Grove v Slough, Olney v Abbey, Swanage and Wareham v Wimborne.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Hartlepool Rovers v Vale of Lune, Middlesbrough v Stockton, Sandal v Northern, Tynedale v Lymm, Wharfedale v Bradford and Bingley, Wigton v Hull Ionians. Second division: Birkenhead Park v Northwich, Halifax v York, Manchester v Huddersfield, Old Crossleyans v West Park Bramhope, Sandbach v Alnwick, West Park (St Helens) v Carlisle. North West: First division: Ashton on Mersey v Blackburn, Chester v Egremont, Davenport v Merseyside Police, Macclesfield v Caldy; New Brighton v Cockermouth, Wirral v St Edwards Old Boys. North-East: First division: Bridlington v Selby, Gateshead Fell v Blaydon, Morpeth v Thornensians, Old Brodleians v Keighley, Pontefract v Bramley, Roundhegians v Redcar.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship. First division: Birmingham Solihull v Wolverhampton, Derby v Camp Hill, Leamington v Vipers, Leighton Buzzard v Barkers Butts, Mansfield v Paviors, Newark v Bedworth, Westleigh v Syston. Second division: Broad Street v Biggleswade, Burton v Bedford Athletic, Keresley v Worcester, Matlock v Whitchurch, Moderns v Stockwood Park. First division east: Belgrave v Ampthill, Chesterfield v Amber Valley, Dronfield v West Bridgford, Hinckley v Stoneygate, Luton v Stewarts and Lloyds, Melksh v Spalding. Second division east: Kesteven v Glossop, Kettering v Coalville, Lincoln v Worksop, Long Buckby v Wellingborough, Lutterworth v Stamford, Northampton Boys Brigade v Southwell, South Leicester v Market Rasen and Louth. First division west: Kings Norton v Dudley, Leek v Bromsgrove, Ludlow v Willenhall, Newbold v Sutton Coldfield, Newcastle (Staffs) v Old Yardleians, Old Halesonians v Old Longtonians.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Dudley Hill v Leigh Miners, Egremont v Saddleworth, Heworth v Askam, Leigh East v Dewsbury Celtic, Millom v Wigan St Patricks, Woolston v West Hull. Second division: Barrow Island v Oulton, Beverley v Mayfield, Milford v Walney Central, Moldgreen v Lock Lane, Redhill v Greetland, Shaw Cross v East Leeds.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Havant (Edenbridge LC, 1.30), Southgate v Trojans (Broomfield School, 2.00).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Clifton v Hightown, Doncaster v Ipswich, Ealing v Slough, FP Sutton Coldfield v Exmouth, Leicester, Balsam v Chelmsford, Pickwick v Wimbledon.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division A: Ashford v Old Whitgiftians, Blackheath v Hampstead and Westminster, Eastcote v Bournemouth, Maidenhead v Tulse Hill, Old Tauntonians v High Wycombe, Oxford Hawks v Anchorians, Ramgarhia v Staines, Lloyds Bank v Wimbledon, Weybridge Hawks v Worthing. Premier division B: City of Portsmouth v Beckenham, Dulwich v Chichester, Fareham v Old Williamsonians, London University v Oxford University, Old Bordenians v Woking, Purley v Marden Russets, Tunbridge Wells v Cheam, Winchester v Spencer, Wokingham v Gore Court.

NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Alderley Edge v Formby, Ben Rhydding v Hightown, Northern, Sheffield v Norton, Wakefield v Durham University, York v Timperley. Second division: Blackburn v Southport, Bowdon v Wigan, Knutsford v Sunderland, Liverpool Sefton v Disley, Preston v Stockton, Ramgharia v Halifax, Sheffield Bankers v Harrogate, Swalwell v Springfield.

NORTH WEST LEAGUE: Cheetham Hill v Manchester University, Deeside Ramblers v West Derby, Glaxo v Bebington, Manchester v Chester, Northop Hall v Winnington Park, Orton v Macclesfield, Prescot v Manchester YMCA, St Anne's v Bramhall, St Helens v Rossendale.

NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division: Carlisle v Whitehaven, Billingham v Tynedale, Norton II v Morpeth, Redcar v Durham University II, Newcastle University v Tynemouth.

MOWLEN NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Lincoln v Wakefield II, York CS Trojans v Grimsby, Doncaster II v Chapeltown, Roses v Bradford, Sheffield II v Ben Rhydding II, Rotherham v Sardsey, Appleby Frodingham v Adel, Huddersfield v Wetton II.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: East Devon v Bristol, Exeter University v Western super Mare, Gloucester City v Taunton Vale, Hereford v Yeovil and Sherborne, Marlborough v West Glos, Plymouth v Clevedon, Westbury Banks v CS Bath Buccaneers.

MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgnorth v Edgbaston, Coventry and North Warwickshire v Derby; Khalsa v Hampton in Arden, Leicester Westleigh v Worcester, Norton, Olton and West Warwickshire v Belper.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cheshire Jets v Birmingham Bullets, Derby Bucks v Sunderland Saints, Guildford Kings v Worthing Bears, London Towers v Hemel Hempstead Royals, Manchester Giants v Oldham Celtics. Second division: Barnsley Generals v Bury Lobos, Cardiff v Coventry Flyers, Lewisham Lightning v Plymouth Raiders. Third division: Chiltern Fastbreak v Sheffield Forgers, Guildford v Camberley Eagles, Mid Sussex Magic v South London Elephants, Stevenage Phoenix v Sedgefield Racers, Swindon Sonics v Leicester Falcons. Women: First division: Cheshire Ladies v Sheffield Hatters, London YMCA v Milton Keynes Cats, Rhondda v Northampton.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Second division: Coventry, Riga v Team Knights, RAF Harriers v Mallory II Lewisham, London Lynx Men v Dynamo London, Essex Estonians v Whitefield Sportset, Radio Trent Rockets v Manchester United, Gateshead Armitage v Wirral Thermal. Women: First division: Ashcombe Dorking v Woolwich Brixton. Second division: Birmingham v Team Knights, Timeout Gloucester City v Spark Jet Stationery, Purbrook (Portsmouth) v Dynamo London II, Speedwell v Polonia, Radio Trent Rockets v Manchester United.

BOWLS

HAVEN-COMMERCIAL UNION INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Herts v Rivermead, Stevenage v Brackley, Riverain v Stade, Bletchley v Foxhill, Gosling v West Berks, Mendip v Donyatt, Taunton v Wellington, Moonfleet v Ilminster, Br Cellophane v Yeovil, Welworthy v Dorchester, West Cornwall v Dawlish, Torbay v Budleigh Salterton, Plymouth CS v North Devon, South Forest v Newark, Gedling v East Lindsey, Hucknall v Melton Mowbray, Ashfield v Grantham, Huntingdon v Bridgman, March v C Chesterton, Rugby v Park Hall, Erdington Ct v Leicester, Kingsthorpe v Carlton, Desborough v Birmingham, Kirkley Park v Lynnsport, Old Hall v Roundwood, Wymondham Dell v Hunstanton, Essex City v Cheshunt, Chigwell v Southend.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Middleweight bout: Steve Collins (Dublin) v Scott Smith (US) (in Dublin).

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (Wembley).

GOLF: Toyota World Matchplay Championship (Wentworth).

ICE HOCKEY: European Cup (Blackburn).

ROWING: Paris head of the river race (12.30, the Tideway).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
First division
Derby v Oxford Utd (2.55)
West Ham v Sunderland (3.00)

Second division
Bradford v Burnley (12.00)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division (3.30): Cork City v Bray Wanderers, St Patrick's Athletic v Derry City; Sligo Rovers v Drogheda United; Waterford v Shelbourne.

FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Solihull Borough v Braintree (2.30); Wealdstone v Dagenham and Redbridge.

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Doncaster Belles v Ipswich Town, Maidstone Tigresses v Arsenal, Stanton Rangers v Millwall Lionesses, Red Star Southampton v Bronte, Wimbledon v Knowsley.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Second round: Ebbw Vale v Abergavenny Thursdays.

RUGBY UNION

Club match
Blackheath v Gordon (Aus) (3.00)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP (3.00 unless stated): First division: Castleford v Widnes (3.30), Halifax v Sheffield, Hull KR v Leigh (3.15), Salford v Wakefield; St Helens v Hull; Wigan v Leeds. Second division: Bramley v Featherstone (3.30); Rochdale v Oldham; Swinton v London Crusaders. Third division: Barrow v Chorley (2.30); Blackpool v Whitehaven (2.30), Dewsbury v Nottingham (3.30), Highfield v Batley, Ryedale-York v Doncaster (3.15), Workington v Hunslet.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: East Grinstead v Surbiton (Saint Hill, 2.15); Welton v St Albans (Schutz High School, Hull, 2.00). Postponed: Bournville v Cannock, Firebrands v Hounslow, Neston v Canterbury, Slough v Old Loughtonians; Teddington v Stourport. Second division: Beeston v Indian Gymkhana (Highfields, Nottingham, 2.00); Brean v Brooklands (King Alfred SC, Highbridge, 12.00), Chelmsford v Lyons (Chelmer Park, 2.00), Cheltenham v Barford Tigers (Bournside School SC, 2.00), Isca v Doncaster (Exeter School, 2.00), Old Kingstonians v Harborne (Lensbury Ground, Teddington, 2.00), Reading v Cambridge City (Sonning Lane, 2.00), Warrington v Richmond (Broomfields RC, 2.00). Postponed: Harleston Magpies v Guildford.

AEWHA CUP: First round: Anchorians (Kent) v Canterbury, Atalanta (Kent) v Woking, Swifts; Bedford v Cambridge University, Belper v Chester County Officers, Billingham v Morpeth, Bournemouth v Hamble OG, Brentwood v Epsom, Burgess Hill v Phoenix (Berks), Charnwood v Loughborough; Chiltern v Welwyn Garden City, Chiswick v Broxbourne, Clacton v Christchurch (Suffolk), Crimson Ramblers (Notts) v Loughborough Students, Didsbury Greys (Lancs) v Great Harwood (Lancs), Dudley v Winnington Park, Dulwich v Ariel (Surrey), Durham City v Rosebery (Yorks), Edgbaston v Streetly (Staffs), Exeter v Penzance, Falmouth v Mutton, Gloucester City v Harborne, Guildford v Wokingham, Hampstead and Westminster v Tulse Hill, Harlow v Cheltenham, Harrow v Ashford (Middx), Haywood (Manchester) v Carlisle, Horsham v GRFC (Kent), Ipswich and East Suffolk v Colchester; Knutsford v Matlock Baileans, Leyland Motors (Lancs) v Oldham; Lillington (Warks) v Coventry GEC, Liverpool v Deeside Ramblers, Lutterworth v Huntingdon, Maidenhead v Buckingham, Marlow v East Glos, Neston v Aldridge (Staffs), Newcastle v Norton (Durham), Newent v Wootton Bassett, Northampton v Shipston-on-Stour (Warks); North Devon v Exeter University, North Wilts v Pressed Steel Fisher (Oxon), Peterborough v Pelicans (Norfolk), Potters Bar v Polytechnic (Middx), Poynton (Cheshire) v Crosby, Reading v Burnt Ash (Kent), Redbridge and Ilford v Winchmore Hill, Rochester and Gillingham v Middleton (Sussex), Royston v NPL, St Agnes v Green Dragons (Devon), Saracens (Cambs) v Kettering, Sevenoaks v Teddington, Shirley v Surbiton, Sonning v Camberley; Southampton v New Sarum, Southgate Adelaide v Old Loughtonians, Sunbury v St Albans, Swindon v Dursley, Towcester v St Ives (Cambs), Tring v Parkside (Beds), Tynedale v Whitley Bay, Welton (Humberside) v Darlington, Westbernes (Avon) v BAC (Avon), West Wiltshire v Cheltenham Civil Services, Weymouth v Frome, Wigan v Castletown, Wimborne Wayfarers v Firebrands (Avon), Wolverhampton v Holmes Chapel.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets v Derby Bucks, Oldham Celtics v Hemel Hempstead Royals, Sunderland Saints v London Towers. Second division: Brixton Topcats v Middlesbro Mohawks, Doncaster Panthers v Crystal Palace. Women. First division: Ipswich v London Jets. Second division: Doncaster Free Press v Cardiff, Houghton Regis Raiders v Stonebridge Amazons, Brixton Topcats v Camberley Golden Eagle.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women. First division: London Lynx v Leeds, Wessex v Sale, Dynamo London v Britannia Music (Hackney). Second division: Birmingham Ladies v Spark Jet Stationery, Timeout Gloucester City v Team Knights, Purbrook (Portsmouth) v Polonia, Speedwell v Dynamo London II, Radio Trent Rockets v Liverpool City.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Horse of the Year Show (Wembley).

GOLF: Toyota World Matchplay Championship (Wentworth).

ICE HOCKEY: European Cup (Blackburn).

MOTOR RACING: British F3000 final (Donington).

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EQUESTRIANISM

Grannusch speeds to victory for Whitaker

By A Special Correspondent

JOHN Whitaker and Henderson Grannusch had another win at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley yesterday when they completed the fastest clear round in the jump-off for the DHL London Classic.

On Thursday, they had won the Coomes Bookmakers' Speed Stakes from David Broome; yesterday, they pipped Geoff Billington with Corona — also winners here on Thursday — to the £1,000 first prize by just under a second.

The 12-year-old Grannusch, who helped Whitaker to gain the national championship at Stoneleigh in July, responded brilliantly to the tight turns demanded of her against the clock yesterday. They were third to go in the jump-off but none could better their time. "There were so many to come behind me [in the jump-off] that I knew we'd have to do something quite good to win it" Whitaker said.

Alan Oliver had designed an unusual course for the competition. With the exception of the first, all the fences were either doubles or trebles. However, the concentration of combinations did not cause the riders as much trouble as expected and 17 horses — more than half the field — went clear in the first round.

In a dramatic finish to the first international competition yesterday, the Woodhouse Challenge, James Fisher achieved the fastest clear round on the 13-year-old Monterrey. Last to go of the 39 runners in the speed class, Fisher clipped more than a second off Mark McCourt's already fast time on Rossport Aquila. "Monterrey doesn't have a very orthodox style," Fisher said, "but he is very fast across a fence and he tries hard."

Like many other riders, Fisher found that the course, with its tight turns, did not ride as well as he had expected. Some of the most experienced riders had problems, including Nick Skelton, last year's top prize-money winner at Wembley, who had the eighth fence, an upright, down with Everest Major Wager.

John Whitaker lowered two fences with Henderson Fonda and his brother, Michael, going near the end of the class, was unlucky to knock down the first part of the treble after a perfectly controlled round on Henderson My Monsieur. He had set the fastest time, but it was bettered immediately by McCourt.

Following another fast round by the Frenchman, Jean Marc Nicolas, who collected four faults, Fisher wrapped up the class with his spirited performance on Monterrey.

The Argentine-bred Monterrey had suffered from a damaged tendon after the show at Wembley last year, but made a comeback in April to finish second in the grand prix in Camalou, France.

Fisher, 30, won the class from a group of talented younger riders, including McCourt and Paul Sutton.

RESULTS: DHL London Classic: 1, Henderson Grannusch (J Whitaker), 31.51sec, 0 flts; 2, Corona (G Billington), 32.7, 0; 3, Rock du Taillon (J Lessens, Bel), 33.67, 0. Woodhouse Challenge: 1, Monterrey (J Fisher), 48.99, 0; 2, Rossport Aquila (M McCourt), 50.34, 0; 3, Wessex Fields of Athenry (P Sutton), 52.0, 0. Hunters: Lightweight: 1, Lady A Hanmer's Mere Luck; 2, Mrs D Turner's The Graduate. Middleweight: 1, R Creber's Kings Warrior; 2, Mr and Mrs R Parry's Galveston. Heavyweight: M Dewe's Hobo.

HOCKEY

Southgate's chance to strengthen base

By Sydney Friskin

THE Pizza Express National League has been reduced this weekend because a large number of Welsh and Scottish players from English clubs will be in Olten, Switzerland, for the Intercontinental Cup qualifying tournament.

Five fixtures have been postponed until November 19, and six remain.

In the two first division matches today, **Southgate** have a chance to build on their 3-1 win over Havant last week when they entertain **Trojans**. **Havant**, with David Roberts returning from a one-match suspension, should have a more stable defence when they visit **Bromley**. Waugh and Grimes are unavailable for Southgate.

East Grinstead, having beaten Canterbury 2-1 last week, take on **Surbiton**, the other promoted team, tomorrow. Surbiton gave a good account of themselves when losing 4-2 last Sunday to Hounslow and should push East Grinstead to the limits of their powers.

In the only other first division match tomorrow **Welton** are at home to **St Albans**, who lost 4-1 last week to Old Loughtonians, for whom Nick Thompson did all the scoring. Welton themselves lost 1-0 to Cannock but should have a slight edge over St Albans.

For the Olten tournament, which starts on Monday, **Wales** are in an easy pool with Austria, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. In the other pool **Scotland** should overcome Denmark and Italy, but will have difficulty getting past Belgium who defeated Wales twice last week in Brussels. Only one team will qualify outright for the Intercontinental Cup next year in Poland.

The Welsh Hockey Association is trying its own experiment at short corners by insisting that the initial hit from the line be taken from a fixed point ten yards away from the goalpost.

SQUASH RACKETS

Improving Jackman has chance to topple Devoy

Vancouver: Cassandra Jackman, of Norfolk, faces the most significant match of her career, against Susan Devoy, the defending champion, after beating Sue Wright here yesterday in the quarter-finals of the women's world open (Colin McQuillan writes).

Few doubt that Jackman is destined to dominate the senior world game. It remains to be seen whether she can actually displace the fiercely competitive New Zealander, now 28, or wait for Devoy's retirement to create a vacancy.

Devoy has progressed with almost regal ease in this tournament. She dismissed Robyn Lambourne, of Australia, 9-3, 9-4, 10-8 in a 45-minute quarter-final while Jackman was dealing in far more sporadic manner with Wright.

Jackman, 19, has shown that the international circuit holds few terrors for her.

Since August last year, she has reached three major finals and six semi-finals, lost to Devoy five times, by decreasing margins, and climbed steadily to England No. 1 and world No. 4.

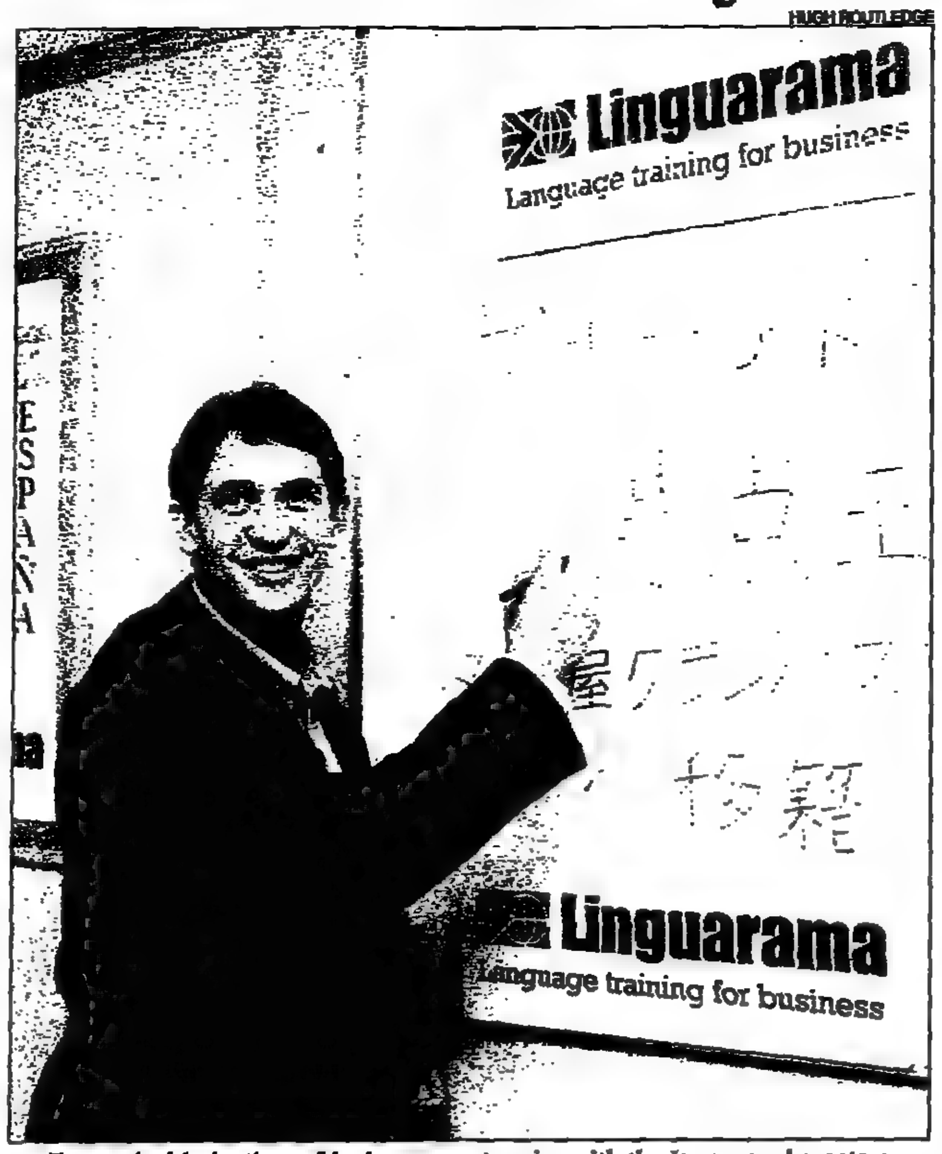
She is hoping this semi-final will provide her big breakthrough.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: S Devoy (NZ) bt R Lambourne (Aus), 9-3, 9-4, 10-8; C Jackman (Eng) bt S Wright (Eng), 6-9, 9-6, 9-2, 10-8; M Martin (Aus) bt S Horner (Eng), 9-6, 9-5, 9-7, M Le Moignan (Eng) bt H Wallace (Can), 9-8, 9-5, 10-8.

Jackman: stiffest test

Andy Martin talks Japanese with England's ace goalscorer and comes off second best

Another victory for Lineker the linguist



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Forward with the times: Lineker comes to grips with the Japanese characters

Konichiwa, Lineker-san," I said. "Ogenki desu ka?"

"Genki desu," Gary Lineker replied.

"Nipongo o wakari masu ka?" I thought I might have him with that one.

"Yes," he parried, "I do understand Japanese. But your accent is hopeless. Your intonation is all wrong." Collapse of stout party.

On the strength of a smattering of phrase-book Japanese, I had gone along to Linguarama to talk with the man they call "Tokuten no o" ("King of the Strikers") with the rather grand idea of exposing his pretensions to speaking the language. Instead of which I wound up with egg on my face.

After two years in Barcelona, Lineker was fluent enough to work as a match analyst on Spanish television. Now, as he prepares to join Nagoya Grampus 8 in February, he is taking two three-hour classes a week in Japanese and drinking green tea at half-time. Mrs Kyoko Shimazaki, his tutor, rates him as a "natural linguist and a fast learner".

George Orwell reckoned most sports were just a substitute and a rehearsal for war. Gary Lineker, on the other hand, sees football as more of a United Nations in shorts. "Sometimes we take it too seriously, but for me it is a great game because it brings countries together for the right reasons."

He has mastered ordering in restaurants and telling the time, but would he be able to have a row with a ref in Japanese? "I've never had a row with a ref in English yet," he said.

Lineker is the kind of man who naturally bows to the opponent who has just tried to rid him of one of his legs. But if he did want to say, "I'll be coming back for you, whether it's in the next five minutes or next season," in Japanese, he probably could.

His former team-mate, Paul Gascoigne, was supposed to be taking the odd Italian lesson while he had his leg in plaster but he still took an interpreter with him to Rome. "I don't think he knows much Italian," Lineker said. "But it's already better than his English."

One of the reasons for Ian Rush's miserable stay at Juventus was his failure to pick up the rudiments of Italian. "I've noticed that the players who have learned the language are the ones who are successful abroad," Lineker said. Rush and Gascoigne are throw-backs to the age of Greaves and Law, when we thought it was enough just to show how to kick balls in the net. Increasingly, as with Kevin Keegan in Germany, David Platt in Italy and now Lineker in Japan, British footballers are realising it is helpful if you can say "Pass".

As Wittgenstein observed, "the limits of our language are the limits of our world".

We British have always been lazy about languages. Footballers, in particular, are victims of a stereotype which marooned them on the dark side of culture and condemned them to repeat just a few brain-dead phrases ("Sick as a parrot", "over the moon"), even in English. Meanwhile, tennis players such as Boris Becker and Ivan Lendl learned to discuss the intricacies of grass and engage in rapid-fire repartee with Desmond Lynam.

Geoff Monaghan, general manager of Linguarama, the language school that is teaching Lineker, says that "providing you have the incentive, therefore the motivation, you can learn anything. The performance of British students compares well with that of foreign students. The idea that we are no good at languages is a myth."

Lineker should have no trouble with "guddo gouru" (good goal) or "penaruti reffuri!" (penalty ref). But he is serious about grammar too. As in language, so in football we speak of "reading" the game, and of "fluent" players. Lineker is one of the great interpreters.

What Lineker has done is to remind us not just that football is a language that can be learned, but that language, too, is a game, with tricks and strategies, winners and losers. And the important thing is to take part. After all the *raison d'être* of sport is having something to talk about afterwards.

Swinburn gets Sayyedati ride

By Michael Seely

WALTER Swinburn has nosed out Pat Eddery from his lucrative job as second contract rider to Maktoum Al-Maktoum.

So the jockey, who for the past two seasons has been on board all horses owned by the ruler of Dubai with the exception of the 60 or so trained by Michael Stoute, will next year ride everything that runs under the umbrella of the Gainsborough Stud.

That includes Sayyedati, currently the 5-2 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas after her emphatic defeat of Lyric Fantasy in the Cheveley Park Stakes.

"It's a logical development," said Joe Mercer, the shaikh's racing manager, at Ascot yesterday. "Pat has been riding all our horses trained by Michael and others when Walter wasn't available. But Pat will be riding more and more in France next year. We still intend to retain Bruce Raymond."

It has certainly been an autumn of ups and downs for Swinburn, who was recently out of action for a month after sustaining concussion in a late night incident in Newmarket.

Since his return he has been riding with all the inspired flair and judgement of pace that are his trademarks. He was particularly effective on Sayyedati at Newmarket and also on Hatoof in the Prix de l'Opera in Paris last Sunday.

Pleased to be reunited with Stoute, for whom he rode Derby winners in Shergar and Shahrastani, Swinburn said: "It's a marvellous job. I'm very grateful to Michael as he's been instrumental in getting the new agreement settled."

Swinburn is now looking forward to Gulfstream Park, where, apart from the prospect of riding Marling for Geoffrey Wragg, he will also be on the Gainsborough-stud owned Sheikh Albadou, who will be attempting to win the Breeders' Cup Sprint for the second consecutive year.

"To win the sprint would certainly be a wonderful start to my new job with the team," Swinburn added.

With the onset of autumn, the rich North American prizes are now beckoning most of our top professionals. And Paul Cole still has his sights set firmly on either Keeneland or Gulfstream Park for Culture Vulture after the French 1,000 Guineas winner had finished a close third to Well Beyond and Jdaayel in the October Stakes, attempting to concede 5lb to her rivals.

Richard Quinn, still on the 99-mark, rode his 45th consecutive loser when the uneasy 2-1 second favourite failed to quicken in the final stages.

"I was perfectly satisfied," said the trainer. "She's on the way back and the slow pace was no good for her. She will either run in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Keeneland or in the Breeders' Cup Mile."

Geoff Lewis passed a landmark in his training career when David Harrison brought Plan Ahead with a well-timed run to beat Only Royale in the Mitre Stakes.

Although the silvery-haired Epsom handler has now trained 50 winners in a season for the first time, he still has to saddle one more winner before collecting a six-figure bet.

"When I made the wager I had to submit a list of my horses. And it didn't include Bar Billiards who won at the last Ascot meeting. But one of my owners didn't have to specify names, so he's already won £40,000 and the rest of us will win £90,000 when we have another winner." The trainer's next fancied runner is Neptune's Pet at Ascot today.

Young Pokey to land British treble

YOUNG Pokey, last season's Arkle Trophy winner, has a fine chance of completing a British treble in the $250,000 Breeders' Cup Chase at Belmont Park tonight.

The seven-year-old has enough class to emulate Morley Street, the winner in 1990 and again last year, in America's richest jump race.

Young Pokey had an outing on the Flat at Ayr three weeks ago and will like the expected firm going.

Oliver Sherwood is pleased with Young Pokey's preparation for the 2m 5f chase, run over 16 portable obstacles, which are more like hurdles than fences.

Sherwood is confident that racing beyond two miles for the first time will not be a problem on the New York course's easy inner track.

The John Queally-trained Cock Cockburn, runner-up to How's The Boss in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown in January, represents Ireland while Francois Doumen's Sassello is the sole French challenger.

Richard Dunwoody rides the former David Nicholson-trained Highland Bud, whom he partnered to victory in this race in 1989.

Highland Bud, who may prove best of the home team, is one of four runners trained by Jonathan Sheppard. They will count as one entry in all betting pools.

Hydro Calido to foil strong raiding party

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

HYDRO Calido and Freddie Head can see off a strong British challenge to land the group one Prix de la Foret at Longchamp tomorrow.

Francois Boutin's filly, runner-up to Culture Vulture in the French 1,000 Guineas, was a most impressive winner of the group two Prix d'Astarte at Deauville in August.

She then had no luck in running when tenth of 14 behind Exit To Nowhere and Lahib in the Prix Jacques le Marois but is far less likely to encounter traffic problems in this smaller field.

Pursuit Of Love returned to his best when beating old rival Prince Ferdinand in the group three Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster where he defied a group two penalty for his Prix Maurice de Gheest victory at Deauville in August.

Lord Howard de Walden's colt had earlier finished fast to be second to Mr Brooks in the July Cup, where Wolfhound, one of today's rivals, was nine lengths behind in sixth.

While Wolfhound has shown improved form since to win the Diadem Stakes at Ascot, Pursuit Of Love still appeals as best of the British.

Casteddu would have an each-way chance if reproducing his five-length Beeswing Stakes success but Pip Payne's colt has since disappointed when only sixth to Reported in a York listed race.

Head: rides Longchamp selection Hydro Calido

Longchamp field

Going: soft

3.35 PRIX DE LA FORET (Group I: £51,387: 7f) (8 runners)

1022 Monde Bleu (trained by A Fabre) 4-9-12 (ridden by T Jarnet); 3206 Lion Cavern A Fabre 3-9-10 (S Cauthen); 6311 Wolfhound J Gosden (GB) 3-9-10 (Pat Eddery); 2121 Pursuit Of Love H Cecil 3-9-10 (R Cochrane); 3318 Casteddu J Payne (GB) 3-9-10 (A Munro), 3443 Silicon Bavaria R Collet 5-9-9 (M Boutin); 2210 Hydro Calido F Boutin 3-9-7 (F Head); 1301 Kenbu F Boutin 3-9-7 (C Asmussen).

7-4 Wolfhound & Lion Cavern (coupled), 5-2 Pursuit Of Love, 7-2 Hydro Calido, 6-1 Monde Bleu, 8-1 Kenbu, 16-1 others

□ Richard Hannon's Lucky Lindy contests tomorrow's group two Grosser Preis von Dusseldorf (1m 110yd). Brian Rouse rides.

WORCESTER

MANDARIN

2.20 Angels Kiss. 2.50 Assaglawi. 3.20 Light Veneer. 3.50 Nathan Blake. 4.20 Up-A-Point. 4.50 Leinthall Fox.

THUNDERER

2.20 Damart. 2.50 Sibton Abbey. 3.20 One To Note. 3.50 Scole. 4.20 Up-A-Point. 4.50 Leinthall Fox.

GOING: SOFT SIS

2.20 BASS MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,940: 2m) (20 runners)

1 -256 GANOON 9 (D,B,S) W G M Turner 9-12-0 P Holley
2 0/5- DAMART 19F (D,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 8-11-9 A Maguire
3 FF23 ANGELS KISS 17 (CD,F) M Pipe 7-11-8 M Perrett
4 6U/0 MISTER LAWSON 16 (D) B Forsey 6-11-1 S Burrough
5 4/0- AKIU 340 (BF,G) R Brazington 6-11-8 R J Beggan
6 23/3 GOADBY VENTURE 15 Miss S Wilton 5-10-10 D J Murphy
7 02-P BELPENEL 7 (D,G) C Smith 6-10-5 Martin Jones
8 40P- FRANK DALE 133 (G) G Jones 9-10-4 Mr C Campbell (7)
9 5B-0 RUTHS PRIDE 15 (D,G) G Price 7-10-3 R Davis (7)
10 5-P0 PRINCE KILINOIS 31 (D,F) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-3 D Leahy (7)
11 310F CANDLE KING 7 (G) H Manners 4-10-3 A Tory
12 00-4 SNOOKER TABLE 17 (B,C,D,F,G) T Hallett 9-10-1 D Gallagher
13 4003 TREMBALINO 14 P Rodford 4-10-1 I Shoemark
14 4-2R BARUD 14 D Burchell 4-10-0 D J Burchell
15 P-F5 SWINGTIME BELLE 2 (D,F) M Eckley 5-10-0 A O'Hagan
16 -453 NOWHISKI 21 K Morgan 4-10-0 A S Smith
17 006- AL SKEET 19F R Price 6-10-0 D Tegg
18 F00 PASSAGE HOME 10 D Bell 5-10-0 Mr D Verco
19 4465 LANE LAD 24 (D) Mrs J Wonnacott 8-10-0 W Irvine
20 560- TINA'S ANGEL 135F M Muggeridge 5-10-0 S Fox (7)

4-1 Angels Kiss, 5-1 Candle King, 6-1 Ganoon, 8-1 Barud, Damart, 10-1 Goadby Venture, Nowhiski, 12-1 Snooker Table, Trembalino, 14-1 others.

2.50 BASS SPECIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,831: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 1-11 ASSAGLAWI 28 (CD,F,G) Miss H Knight 10-11-10 P Scudamore
2 5U-4 SIBTON ABBEY 10 (D,F,G) F Murphy 7-11-4 A Maguire
3 221- FURRY KNOWE 283 (F) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-1 B de Haan
4 313- GLEN CHERRY 177 (D,F,G) T Forster 8-10-11 C Llewellyn
5 1/P- GRANNY'S PRAYER 242 (D,F,G,S) Miss R Patman 11-10-0 Mr R Lawther

7-4 Sibton Abbey, 9-4 Glen Cherry, 100-30 Assaglawi, 5-1 Furry Knowe, 20-1 Granny's Prayer

3.20 BASS MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,678: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 211- LIGHT VENEER 277 (G) Mrs M Jones 7-11-10 J White
2 130- FIGHT TO WIN 204F (F,G) I Balding 4-11-6 J Frost
3 354- RIDWAN 157 (BF,S) K Morgan 5-10-8 A S Smith
4 215- FAST THOUGHTS 285 (D,F,G) D Gandolfo 5-10-2 B Powell
5 214- MANENDA 166 (D,G) D Nicholson 5-10-0 W Marston (5)
6 12-3 ONE TO NOTE 8 (S) M Muggeridge 8-10-0 C Llewellyn
7 600- MARINERS SECRET 172 R Brazington 6-10-0 R J Beggan

9-4 Fight To Win, 3-1 Manenda, 9-2 One To Note, 11-2 Light Veneer, 6-1 Ridwan, 7-1 Fast Thoughts, 20-1 Mariners Secret

3.50 CARLING BLACK LABEL NOVICES CHASE (£2,271: 2m 7f) (7)

1 65/1 NATHAN BLAKE 15 (B,F,G) K Bailey 7-11-6 A Tory
2 115- DUBLIN FLYER 204 (G,S) T Forster 6-11-6 C Llewellyn
3 PR/5 EBONY JACK 15 J Bosley 10-11-0 M Bosley
4 342- FAST STUDY 218 (S) D Nicholson 7-11-0 R Bellamy
5 /6-3 SCOLE 14 F Murphy 7-11-0 A Maguire
6 4PP- TOMPET 205 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-0 P Scudamore
7 -0FF WOODLANDSFOR POWER 15 P Pritchard 8-11-0 R Davis (7)

15-8 Scole, 9-4 Nathan Blake, 5-2 Fast Study, 9-2 Dublin Flyer, 20-1 Ebony Jack, Tompet, 50-1 Woodlandsfor Power

4.20 WORTHINGTON BEST BITTER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,635: 2m) (5)

1 B15- BOUNDEN DUTY 154 (D,F,G,S) G Harwood 9-12-0 M Perrett
2 11-4 UP-A-POINT 15 (CD,F,G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-13 Peter Hobbs
3 P/P1- BLUSTERY FELLOW 324 (F) J Chugg 7-10-1 W Humphreys
4 405- KIND'A SMART 188 (D,F,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-0 A S Smith
5 P13- POLECROFT 158 (D,G,S) D Burchell 9-10-0 D J Burchell

Evens Bounden Duty, 100-30 Up-A-Point, 9-2 Kind'a Smart, 5-1 Blustery Fellow, 10-1 Polecroft

4.50 TENNENTS PILSNER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,968: 2m 2f) (14)

1 00- AFTERKELLY 233 A Dunn 7-10-12 C Maude
2 1/11- GREENHILL RAFFLES 134 (F,G) P Hobbs 6-10-12 Peter Hobbs
3 R/P THE MEDICINE MAN 14 P Pritchard 5-10-12 Dr P Pritchard
4 130- VISAGA 212 (F) D Nicholson 5-10-12 R Bellamy
5 DOTTEREL 22F R Brazington 4-10-11 R J Beggan
6 2- LE METAYER 159 K Bailey 4-10-11 A Tory
7 0- RADIO CAROLINE 140F M Tate 4-10-11 D Gallagher
8 4- RIVER ISLAND 175 J Old 4-10-11 C Llewellyn
9 10-2 LEINTHALL FOX 14 (G) J Needham 6-10-7 A Maguire
10 /00F- MARINERS LOVE 180 Miss S Wilton 6-10-7 D J Murphy
11 0 POLLY'S LASS 14 J Bosley 8-10-7 M Bosley
12 000 BRORA ROSE 11 R Frost 4-10-6 J Frost
13 DAMES RUBY 537F D Wintle 4-10-6 A Carroll
14 40- THE EVACUEE 150 A James 4-10-6 NON-RUNNER

9-4 Greenhill Raffles, 11-4 Leinthall Fox, 4-1 Le Metayer, 5-1 River Island, 16-1 Radio Caroline, 20-1 Brora Rose, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 7 winners from 12 runners, 58.3%; M Pipe, 46 from 119, 38.7%; Miss H Knight, 10 from 34, 29.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 7 from 32, 21.9%; T A Forster, 15 from 74, 20.3%; P Hobbs, 13 from 74, 17.6%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 45 winners from 122 rides, 36.9%; A Maguire, 8 from 39, 20.5%; W Marston, 4 from 23, 17.4%; A S Smith, 4 from 25, 16.0%; A Tory, 4 from 26, 15.4%; Peter Hobbs, 9 from 65, 13.8%.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Leicester, Fontwell Park.
TUESDAY: Leicester, Chepstow, Exeter, Sedgefield.
WEDNESDAY: Redcar, Cheltenham, Wetherby.
THURSDAY: Newmarket, Hexham, Taunton, Uttoxeter.
FRIDAY: Newmarket, Catterick Bridge, Ludlow.
SATURDAY: Newmarket, Catterick Bridge, Kempton Park, Southwell, Stratford, Kelso.
(Flat meetings in bold)

BANGOR

MANDARIN

2.20 Roc Color. 2.50 Preoblakensky. 3.25 Proplus. 3.55 Dancing River. 4.30 Miss Simone. 5.05 Knight's Spur. 5.35 Earth Summit.

THUNDERER

2.20 Roc Color. 2.50 Preoblakensky. 3.25 Proplus. 3.55 Dancing River. 4.30 North Bannister. 5.05 Arctic Skylight. 5.35 Earth Summit.

GOING: GOOD

2.20 COCK BANK NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,772: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

1 251 SANDRO 11 (B,D,G) R Baker 11-4 W McFarland
2 632 CLASSIC EXHIBIT 22 A Forbes 11-0 T Eley (7)
3 JAY AITCH C Jones 11-0 Gee Armytage
4 0 JUPITER MOON 10 Mrs A Swinbank 11-0 C Dennis (3)
5 LORD TRILBY Mrs V Ward 11-0 R Strange
6 MOST SURPRISING 21F B Baugh 11-0 T Wall
7 NELTEGRITY 14F T Caldwell 11-0 Peter Caldwell
8 ROC COLOR C Brooks 11-0 G Bradley
9 SUEZ CANAL 45F F Jordan 11-0 J Lodder
10 1-4 TRUMP 16 C Parker 11-0 B Storey
11 P LINGDALE LASS 15 M Eckley 10-9 I Lawrence
12 TAURIAN PRINCESS 120F W Clay 10-9 Diane Clay

11-4 Sandro, 7-2 Suez Canal, 9-2 Trump, Roc Color, 10-1 Classic Exhibit, Jupiter Moon, 12-1 Neltegrity, 14-1 others.

2.50 NUMARK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,514: 2m 1f) (4)

1 605- SHU FLY 147 (C,F,G) N Smith 8-12-0 P Leach
2 16-0 PREOBLAKENSKY 5 (G,S) G Richards 5-11-9 N Doughty
3 1411 SIMONE'S SON 14 (B,D,F,G) G Barnett 4-10-0 R Farrant (5)
4 104- PANT LLIN 138 (B,F) F Jordan 6-10-0 J Lodder

6-4 Preoblakensky, 9-4 Simone's Son, 5-2 Shu Fly, 10-1 Pant Llin.

3.25 WILLIS CORROON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,415: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 F6P- HOTPLATE 189 (C,G,S) D McCain 9-11-12 G Bradley
2 130- THE DEMON BARBER 191 (B,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-12 N Doughty
3 P6P- MWEENISH 240 (D,G,S) J Webber 10-11-7 M M Lynch
4 116/ WARLEGGAN 497 (CD,F,G) G Ham 11-10-13 B Powell
5 -42F HE WHO DARES WINS 7 (D,BF,F,G) W A Stephenson 9-10-10 C Grant
6 2121 PROPLUS 17 (D,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-10-5 N Williamson
7 /11- THE MOSSES 344 (CD,F,S) T Forster 7-10-0 H Davies

2-1 Proplus, 5-2 He Who Dares Wins, 7-2 The Demon Barber, 6-1 Hotplate, 10-1 Mweenish, 14-1 others.

3.55 STADCO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,335: 2m 4f 110yd) (3)

1 F34- CASHEW KING 273 (F,G,S) D McCain 9-11-13 G Bradley
2 P11- THE ANTARTEX 175 (D,G,S) G Richards 9-11-3 N Doughty
3 2-11 DANCING RIVER 55 (CD,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 6-10-11 C Grant

10-11 Dancing River, 11-4 Cashew King, 7-2 The Antartex.

4.30 FENNS BANK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,744: 2m 4f) (7)

1 B4P- ROBINS LAD 220 Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-10 C Dennis (3)
2 1128 MISS SIMONE 9 (B,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-5 D Bridgwater
3 080- COSMIC FORCE 238 N Smith 8-11-2 Jacqui Oliver
4 505- NORTH BANNISTER 189 T Forster 5-10-13 J Railton
5 0-50 WEST ORIENT 7 (G) Mrs H Parrott 7-10-5 L Harvey
6 0P-P WETANDRY 30 C Jones 7-10-4 Gee Armytage
7 00-P LAST MATCH 7 B Preece 4-10-0 T Wall

4-5 Miss Simone, 7-2 North Bannister, 6-1 Cosmic Force, West Orient, 10-1 Robins Lad, 12-1 others.

5.05 THELWALL MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (£2,632: 2m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 -311 ARCTIC SKYLIGHT 14 (F,G,S) G Richards 6-11-8 N Doughty
2 040/ DR JEKYLL 548 R Weaver 7-11-2 B Clifford (3)
3 550- SPY'S DELIGHT 138 Mrs A Hewitt 6-11-2 S J O'Neill
4 00-4 TRIMLOUGH 29 (BF,F,G,S) P Dalton 7-11-2 W Mann
5 25-F VICTORY ANTHEM 14 (G) N Henderson 6-11-2 J R Kavanagh
6 50F- BOARDING SCHOOL 183 (S) C Parker 5-11-0 B Storey
7 24-5 KNIGHT'S SPUR 10 (G) J Webber 5-11-0 M M Lynch
8 10-F GULSHA 7 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-11 D Bridgwater
9 00- MISS SHAW 266 E Owen jun 6-10-11 R Strange

4-5 Arctic Skylight, 7-2 Trimlough, 5-1 Boarding School, 10-1 Gulsha, 12-1 Knight's Spur, Victory Anthem, 16-1 others.

5.35 EBF STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £1,434: 2m 1f) (18)

1 0 ARCTIC LINE 9 J Bradley 4-11-4 Mr G Lewis (7)
2 CASPIAN PRINCE Miss H Knight 6-11-4 Mr J Pritchard
3 CONNOR THE SECOND P Nicholls 4-11-4 S Donohoe (5)
4 DANCERS REVENGE P Dalton 6-11-4 D Winter (7)
5 2 EARTH SUMMIT 9 N Twiston-Davies 4-11-4 D Bridgwater
6 FORTINA'S SONG S Griffiths 5-11-4 B Clifford (3)
7 NAGOBELIA J Pearce 4-11-4 P Hide (7)
8 5/ PRINCETHORPE 576 B Cambidge 5-11-4 D Meredith (5)
9 30- RING CORBITTS 168 D Eddy 4-11-4 D Walsh (5)
10 ROYAL CUPID G Moore 4-11-4 S Lyons (5)
11 3- SUPER SHARP 150 N Smith 4-11-4 V Slattery (5)
12 0- THUNDER 159 J Bradley 4-11-4 Jody Davies (7)
13 ARLEY GALE D McCain 4-10-13 Mr D McCain (5)
14 BERRY'S SKY LARK F Jordan 5-10-13 T Protheroe (7)
15 CLEEVELAND LADY W G M Turner 5-10-13 P Carey (7)
16 00- FIVE STARS 286 J Colston 5-10-13 P Smith Eccles (7)
17 HAZEL HILL J Cresswell 6-10-13 S Wynne (5)
18 40- THE EVACUEE 150 A James 4-10-13 W Marston (5)

6-4 Earth Summit, 7-2 Royal Cupid, 5-1 Super Sharp, 8-1 Caspian Prince, 10-1 Ring Corbitts, Nagobelia, 12-1 Connor The Second, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 27 winners from 95 runners, 28.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 5 from 19, 26.3%; G Ham, 8 from 32, 25.0%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 23, 21.7%; C Brooks, 3 from 14, 21.4%; F Jordan, 13 from 68, 19.1%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 16 winners from 51 rides, 31.4%; C Grant, 11 from 44, 25.0%; D Meredith, 3 from 12, 25.0%; L Harvey, 5 from 22, 22.7%; I Lawrence, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Lodder, 12 from 76, 15.8%.

□ Bruce Dowling, the National Hunt jockey, yesterday announced his retirement after an eight-year professional career which yielded 120 winners. Dowling, aged 28, was forced into the decision after a series of falls left him with recurring tinnitus.

Cunning can make class tell in Ascot group race

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

CUNNING can take Luca Cumani's domestic prize-money haul past the £500,000 mark for the season by outclassing her rivals in the Princess Royal Stakes at Ascot today.

Victory in this group three race should be a formality for this much-improved filly following that fine performance in the group one Prix Vermeille at Longchamp last month when she was beaten a head by the French Oaks winner, Jolypha.

The first hint that this daughter of Bustino would be capable of competing so well at that level came at York in August. Before that, she had won only humdrum events at Bath and Newmarket.

At York, though, she turned the listed Galtres Stakes into a procession, toying with her opposition before winning by six lengths from Percy's Girl, with her head on her chest.

Now it is hard to envisage Percy's Girl getting her revenge on terms only 3lb better, taking weight-for-age into consideration.

A line though through Percy's Girl in a subsequent race at Ayr also gives Cunning the clear beating of Guilty Secret, Anna Of Saxony and Bineyah, who finished second, third, and fifth respectively in the Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster.

The Cornwallis Stakes, the other group race on today's programme, can go to the Richard Hannon-trained **Brigg Fair**.

Brigg Fair defied top weight in a nursery at Newbury three weeks ago with so much in hand that this step up in class was inevitable.

While Hannon will also be represented by Surprise Offer, who finished a close second in the Windsor Castle Stakes over today's course and distance in June, I believe Brigg Fair has more to offer in this instance.

At the last meeting here, Spaniards Close, Ashtina, Plain Fact and Bodari dominated the finish of the Berkeley Handicap. Now, **Plain Fact**, who had nothing to race with that day from his low draw, can come up trumps for the Hills brothers, John and Michael, on improved terms.

Gosden: fancied runners at Ascot and York today

Today's nap, though, is **Googly**, an ally of old, to win the Tankerville Handicap in the care of her regular pilot, Gary Bardwell. A glowing testimony to the skill of the country's senior trainer, Bill Wightman, Googly left the impression that there was more in the locker when winning at Haydock last time.

Otherwise, today's programme can develop into a benefit for the John Gosden stable, thanks to **Taos** (2.00), **Deprecator** (4.10) and **True Hero** (4.40).

At York, stable companion **Emperor Jones**, is taken to regain the winning trail in the Stamford Bridge Stakes, now that he encounters better ground again.

Liyakah, who also lost her unbeaten record last time when third to Silver Wizard and Forest Wind at Kempton, can confirm the promise of her debut Goodwood success by winning the listed ANC Rockingham Stakes.

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Taos.	2.00 Iviza.
2.30 Cunning.	2.30 Cunning.
3.00 Plain Fact.	3.00 Ashtina.
3.35 Brigg Fair.	3.35 Up And At 'Em.
4.10 Deprecator.	4.10 Irek.
4.40 True Hero.	4.40 True Hero.
5.10 GOOGLY (nap).	5.10 Googly.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Taos. 2.30 CUNNING (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 CATHERINEOFARAGON.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (STRAIGHT COURSE GOOD) SIS

DRAW: 5F-7F STRAIGHT, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 AUTUMN STAKES BBC1
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £11,452: 1m round) (9 runners)

101 (4) 2142 BRANDONHURST 28 (BF,F) (R Michaelson) I Balding 8-11 ... M Hills 88
102 (8) 3213 DECLASSIFIED 25 (F) (E Evans) L Cumani 8-11 ... L Dettori 92
103 (5) 11 EUROLINK THUNDER 33 (G) (Eurolink Group Plc) J Dunlop 8-11 ... J Reid 90
104 (6) 8104 MUKHAMEDOV 29 (G) (D St George) D Loder 8-11 ... C Asmussen 84
105 (8) 1 STAR MANAGER 12 (D,S) (M Arbib) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn 84
106 (1) 11 TAOS 15 (D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 ... S Cauthen 97
107 (2) 4 TOP RANK 10 (A McPadand) J Moore 8-11 ... B Rouse 79
108 (9) 5 VILLAGE GREEN 15 (A Richards) C Brittain 8-11 ... A Munro 77
109 (7) 13 IVIZA 14 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-6 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]

BETTING: 9-4 Iviza, 3-1 Taos, 7-2 Eurolink Thunder, 8-1 Star Manager, 10-1 Brandonhurst, Declassified, 12-1 others.

1991: TIMAA DANCER 8-11 B Raymond (14-1) Mrs J Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANDONHURST short-head 2nd of 12 to Xenasia Game in a nursery at Goodwood (7f, good). DECLASSIFIED 2l 3rd of 6 to Galway in a graduation race at Sandown (1m, good).
EUROLINK THUNDER beat Range Rider a comfortable neck in a 9-runner auction race at Wolverhampton (7f, good). MUKHAMEDOV 3¾l 4th of 9 to Petardia in the group II Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). STAR MANAGER beat Dubai 6l in a 12-runner maiden at Bath (1m, good to soft). TOP RANK beat Palace Pageant in a 3-runner conditions race at Haydock (1m, good to soft).
VILLAGE GREEN 30¾l 5th of 6 to Inchinor in a graduation race at Ascot (7f, good to soft). IVIZA 4½l 3rd of 8 to Ivanka in the group I Fillies Mile at Ascot (soft).
Selection: IVIZA (nap)

2.30 PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES BBC1
(Group III: fillies & mares: £27,720: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

201 (2) 535224 PERCY'S GIRL 8 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 4-9-0 ... S Cauthen 93
202 (5) 51112 CUNNING 27 (D,F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-8 ... L Dettori [illegible]
203 (8) 41230 ANNA OF SAXONY 14 (D,BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-6 ... J Reid 95
204 (9) 132021 ANNE BONNY 24 (G) (D Thompson) J Fanshawe 3-8-6 ... T Quinn 92
205 (1) 14425 BINEYAH 31 (G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-6 ... Pat Eddery 89
206 (3) 304-361 FERN 65 (D,F) (Fittocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-6 ... J Weaver 89
207 (4) 451323 GUILTY SECRET 22 (D,BF,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-6 ... C Asmussen 95
208 (6) 14-0305 PEARL ANGEL 52 (G) (Mrs B Fairbairn) Miss B Sanders 3-8-6 ... M Hills 89
209 (7) 21-4131 UP ANCHOR 112 (D,F,S) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-6 ... A Munro 89

BETTING: 10-11 Cunning, 7-2 Guilty Secret, 5-1 Bineyah, 13-2 Fern, 8-1 Anne Bonny, 10-1 Anna Of Saxony, Percy's Girl, 14-1 others.

1991: ALWAYS FRIENDLY 3-8-5 A Munro (5-1) H Candy 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PERCY'S GIRL 2½l 4th of 8 to Zinaad in a listed race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). CUNNING head 2nd of 10 to Jolypha in the group I Prix Vermeille at Longchamp (1m 4f, good). Earlier, beat PERCY'S GIRL 6l in a 7-runner listed race at York (1m 4f, good to firm). ANNE BONNY beat Bacotted 6l in a 4-runner graduation race at Sandown (1m 2f, good). BINEYAH 2½l 2nd of 8 to User Friendly in the group I Yorkshire Oaks at York (1m 4f, good to firm), with GUILTY SECRET a short-head 3rd and PEARL ANGEL 10¼l 5th. GUILTY SECRET ¾l 2nd of 12 to Niodini in the group III Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster on penultimate start (1m 6f 140yd, good), with ANNA OF SAXONY (1lb better off) ¾l 3rd and BINEYAH 5l 5th.
Selection: CUNNING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	10	36	28.6	Pat Eddery	52	255	20.4
J Gosden	14	64	21.9	D Harrison	4	22	18.2
G Harwood	25	134	18.7	S Cauthen	41	236	17.4
L Cumani	21	114	18.4	R Hills	12	75	16.0
H Thomson Jones	11	60	18.3	C Asmussen	6	39	15.4
M Stoute	27	168	16.1	L Dettori	23	165	14.7

3.00 BOVIS HANDICAP (£16,700: 5f) (16 runners) BBC1

301 (12) 011040 VICEROY 31 (V,D,BF,F,G) (Mrs G Kaboch) Mrs L Piggott 5-10-0 ... L Dettori 91
302 (6) 231-051 SPANIARDS CLOSE 15 (CD,G,S) (Aven Ltd) P Makin 4-9-11 ... C Asmussen 99
303 (9) 020000 TBAB 15 (G) (M Obaida) C Brittain 4-9-6 ... B Doyle (5) 90
304 (16) 005305 TERRHARS 15 (D,F,G) (H Bamburgh) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... R Perham (3) 95
305 (8) 002600 STACK ROCK 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Castle Racing) E Alston 5-9-0 ... J Weaver (5) 97
306 (5) 303300 CANTORIS 10 (CD,F,G) (G Creen) R Williams 6-8-11 ... Pat Eddery 98
307 (14) 1-00600 REGAL SCINTILLA 10 (V,D,F,S) (Theo Waddington Ltd) G Balding 3-8-11 S Cauthen 89
308 (4) 411000 AUGHFAD 28 (V,D,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 5-8-9 ... J Reid 96
309 (7) 020803 PLAIN FACT 15 (D,F,B,S) (C Wright) J Hills 7-8-6 ... M Hills 99
310 (1) 055083 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 8 (D,G) (G Steinberg) L Holt 3-8-1 ... A Munro 97
311 (3) 410832 NAGIDA 8 (G,S) (Miss U Teller) J Toller 3-8-0 ... Dale Gibson [illegible]
312 (13) 021130 SO RHYTHMICAL 21 (D,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow) G Eden 8-8-0 ... C Rutter 98
313 (2) 120101 GONE SAVAGE 24 (D,F,G,S) (R Mead) G Balding 4-7-13 ... D Biggs 92
314 (10) 322544 BODARI 15 (D,F,S) (R Thomas) D Wilson 3-7-12 ... D Harrison (3) 93
315 (15) 104500 OLIFANTSFONTEIN 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Painting) R Simpson 4-7-9 ... C Hawksley 95
316 (11) 031321 ASHTINA 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 7-7-8 ... J Quinn 96

BETTING: 5-1 Spaniards Close, 9-1 Ashtina, Plain Fact, 10-1 Tbab, 11-1 Bodari, Cantoris, Terrhars, 12-1 Nagida, 14-1 Regal Scintilla, So Rhythmical, 16-1 Allthruthenight, Gone Savage, Stack Rock, Viceroy, 20-1 others.

1991: GILT THRONE 4-8-11 C Hodgson (11-1) M Tompkins 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPANIARDS CLOSE beat ASHTINA (4lb better off) 1½l in a 19-runner handicap, over course and distance (soft), with PLAIN FACT (6lb better off) 1l 3rd, BODARI (7lb better off) 2l 4th, TERRHARS (9lb better off) neck 5th, TBAB (8lb better off) ½l 7th, REGAL SCINTILLA 10th and OLIFANTSFONTEIN 12th. ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 2l 3rd of 13 to Belated in a handicap at Goodwood (5f, good), with OLIFANTSFONTEIN (2lb better off) 4l 8th. NAGIDA ¾l 2nd of 13 to Splice in a handicap at Newmarket (6f, good). SO RHYTHMICAL 1¼l 3rd of 19 to Assignment in a handicap at Goodwood on penultimate start (5f, good), with AUGHFAD 19th. GONE SAVAGE beat Fay's Song 1½l in a 6-runner claimer at Sandown (5f, good). ASHTINA beat Miss Movie World ½l in a 15-runner handicap at Newmarket (5f, good).
Selection: SPANIARDS CLOSE

3.35 CORNWALLIS STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £22,140: 5f) (13 runners)

401 (10) 313252 ANSELLMAN 24 (D,BF,S) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 8-13 ... C Asmussen 85
402 (5) 03511 BRIGG FAIR 21 (D,F,G) (J Noseam) R Hannon 8-13 ... T Quinn 97
403 (1) 31221 FYFIELD FLYER 23 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-13 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
404 (11) 414322 LORD OLIVIER 8 (D,F) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 8-13 ... M Tebbutt 92
405 (6) 1152 REALITIES 19 (D,BF,G) (S Kamel) G Harwood 8-13 ... J Reid 86
406 (7) 04221 ROGER THE BUTLER 11 (S) (M Hawkin) M Bell 8-13 ... M Hills 84
407 (13) 032511 SURPRISE OFFER 17 (B,D,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-13 ... L Dettori 88
408 (12) 33223 THE INFORMER 8 (F Salman) P Cole 8-13 ... A Munro 72
409 (4) 31121 UP AND AT 'EM 21 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Hughes) J Coogan (Ire) 8-13 ... B J Coogan —
410 (3) 241511 SHEILA'S SECRET 9 (D,G,S) (Sherwoods Transport Ltd) W Carter 8-8 ... B Rouse 94
411 (9) 320131 SIMPLY SOOTY 12 (D,S) (Mrs S Joint) B Millman 8-8 ... G Baxter 85
412 (8) 41 SOOTY SWIFT 23 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-8 ... S Cauthen 86
413 (2) 212 YAKIM 22 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 ... R Hills 90

BETTING: 7-2 Fyfield Flyer, 4-1 Surprise Offer, 5-1 Sooty Swift, Yakim, 7-1 Brigg Fair, 8-1 Realities, 10-1 Roger The Butler, Sheila's Secret, 12-1 The Informer, 14-1 others.

1991: MAGIC RING 9-2 A Munro (10-11 fav) P Cole 11 ran

4.10 BROCAS HANDICAP (£9,240: 1m round) (12 runners)

501 (4) 004123 DEPRECATOR 14 (BF,F,G) (Ms R Hood) J Gosden 4-10-0 ... Pat Eddery 96
502 (9) 002295 GYMCRAK PREMIERE 14 (V,D,F,G) (Gymcrak Racing) M H Easterby 4-9-9 K Darley [illegible]
503 (8) 084300 PAY HOMAGE 28 (V,D,F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 4-9-6 ... M Hills 95
504 (1) 350025 SHATI 22 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-3 ... R Hills 94
505 (7) 144300 CAPE PIGEON 23 (D,F,S) (E Badsden) L Cottrell 7-9-1 ... D Avery (7) 95
506 (10) 111801 NEPTUNE'S PET 24 (D,F,G) (K Symonds & Partners) G Lewis 4-9-0 ... J Reid 96
507 (8) 110030 IREK 14 (D,BF,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-0 ... S Cauthen 97
508 (6) 5-83510 GUECA SOLO 24 (D,G,S) (E St George) D Loder 4-8-9 ... C Asmussen 96
509 (5) 111050 BALUBA 24 (D,F,S) (J Thompson) G Harwood 3-8-6 ... A Clark 97
510 (12) 300084 DASWAKI 18 (V,D,F,S) (D Allen) R Hannon 4-8-6 ... B Rouse 98
511 (11) 400344 GARTH 18 (V,F) (B Whitehouse) P Makin 4-8-2 ... A Munro 94
512 (3) 404105 TAKENHALL 21 (F,G) (C Pearson) M Fetherston-Godley 7-7-7 ... D Harrison (3) 94

BETTING: 4-1 Deprecator, 5-1 Gymcrak Premiere, 6-1 Neptune's Pet, 7-1 Shati, 8-1 Irek, 10-1 Daswaki, 12-1 Takenhall, 14-1 others.

1991: WILD AND LOOSE 3-8-5 J Williams (10-1) D Elsworth 13 ran

4.40 HYPERION GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £8,928: 7f) (8 runners)

601 (6) 213 ABTAAL 21 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-5 ... R Hills 84
602 (5) 1 MOORISH 18 (D,S) (F Salman) P Cole 9-5 ... A Munro 90
603 (3) 12 PALACE PAGEANT 15 (G) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-5 ... M Hills 90
604 (1) 21202 RIGHT WIN 15 (G) (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 9-5 ... Pat Eddery 88
605 (4) 1 TRUE HERO 26 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-5 ... S Cauthen 84
606 (7) 33661 CATHERINEOFARAGON 37 (S) (T Mountain) W Wightman 9-0 ... J Williams [illegible]
607 (8) 2 MARASTANI 28 (BF) (R Tsiano) G Harwood 8-13 ... J Reid 88
608 (6) SHAIBA (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-13 ... C Asmussen —

BETTING: 2-1 True Hero, 11-4 Right Win, 7-1 Abtaal, Moorish, 8-1 Marastani, Catherineofaragon, Palace Pageant, 10-1 Shaiba.

1991: OASTEDDU 9-5 A Munro (100-30) J Payne 7 ran

5.10 TANKERVILLE HANDICAP (£7,635: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1 (2) 303002 LIFT AND LOAD 14 (CD,F,G,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 5-10-0 ... J Reid 94
2 (7) 610455 ROYAL SEATON 15 (B,S) (Axminster Carpets Ltd) B Millman 3-8-10 ... J Williams 93
3 (1) 016130 MAD MILITANT 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 3-8-8 ... L Dettori 93
4 (3) 364201 MAJOR BUGLER 15 (C,S) (M Kerr-Dineen) G Balding 3-8-8 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
5 (6) 556040 SELF EXPRESSION 21 (V,C,F,G) (G Smart) I Balding 4-8-2 ... M Hills 98
6 (5) 230434 WESTERN DYNASTY 8 (D,F,G,S) (M Kentish) M Ryan 6-8-1 ... D Biggs 97
7 (4) 552450 ROBINGO 10 (B,F) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 3-7-12 ... A Munro 98
8 (8) 421221 GOOGLY 15 (D,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 3-7-12 ... G Bardwell 95
9 (9) 132040 RAPPORTEUR 9 (D,F,G) (R Bennison) C C Elsey 6-7-11 ... D Harrison (3) 93
10 (10) 052040 FULL QUIVER 11 (V,D,F) (B Wilson) Mrs B Waring 7-7-7 ... C Hawksley (7) 86

Long handicap: Full Quiver 6-7.

BETTING: 5-2 Lift And Load, 7-2 Googly, Major Bugler, 6-1 Royal Seaton, 8-1 Western Dynasty, 10-1 Mad Militant, 12-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

YORK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.15 Fermoy.	2.15 Jasoorah.
2.45 Emperor Jones.	2.45 Colway Rock.
3.15 Drummer Hicks.	3.15 Drummer Hicks.
3.45 Liyakah.	3.45 MITHL AL HAWA (nap).
4.15 Gorinsky.	4.15 Cumbrian Waltzer.
4.45 En Attendant.	4.45 Choir Practice.
5.15 Alhaajib.	5.15 Alhaajib.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.45 RAIN BROTHER (nap). 4.15 How's Yer Father. 5.15 Alhaajib.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Emperor Jones.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 BBC RADIO 5 EMMA FORMAN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,075: 1m 3f 195yd) (3 runners)

1 (3) 23-11 FERMOY 23 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-13 ... J Fortune 90
2 (1) 1-32 JASOORAH 15 (S) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-10 ... M Roberts 94
3 (2) 2510 SHAHAAMH 31 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10 ... W Carson [illegible]

BETTING: 5-4 Fermoy, 6-4 Jasoorah, 9-4 Shahaamh.

1991: KANSK 9-1 W Carson (7-4) J Gosden 3 ran

2.45 STAMFORD BRIDGE STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,744: 6f 214yd) (6 runners)

1 (6) 13 EMPEROR JONES 15 (D,BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-4 ... R Cochrane 91
2 (1) 1 COLWAY ROCK 21 (D,S) (R Coleman) J Watts 9-0 ... G Duffield 90
3 (3) 832326 GLOWING VALUE 28 (S) (F Dunne) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 98
4 (2) 201302 SHEBL 25 (D,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn [illegible]
5 (5) 1 TAAHHUB 23 (D,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 ... W Carson 93
6 (4) QUEENS CONSUL (Consolco) B Rothwell 8-3 ... M Roberts —

BETTING: 6-4 Emperor Jones, 5-2 Shebl, 3-1 Taahhub, 6-1 Colway Rock, 16-1 Glowing Value, 66-1 Queens Consul.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.15 CROWTHER HOMES HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £9,396: 1m 205yd) (9 runners)

1 (4) 1-64 FOR REG 24 (BF,S) (D O'Reilly) A Stewart 9-7 ... M Roberts 97
2 (6) 0-00253 SYLVAN 9 (F,G) (Mrs R Neave) C Wall 8-8 ... W R Swinburn 94
3 (8) 515033 JUMAIRA SHARK 10 (V,F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-7 ... D Holland 95
4 (9) 500200 GOTCHA 21 (BF,G) (D Seale) R Hannon 8-5 ... B Raymond 89
5 (3) 10-1004 GHALYOON 9 (F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-3 ... W Carson 92
6 (1) 111202 DRUMMER HICKS 11 (CD,F,S) (Mrs N Napier) E Weymes 8-2 ... Dean McKeown 97
7 (7) 101030 LORD VIVIENNE 7 (F,G) (J Purcell) R Spicer 8-0 ... J Lowe 96
8 (2) 2-22034 LET'S GET LOST 32 (BF) (A Shead) W Haggas 7-13 ... G Duffield 88
9 (3) 0101 LAHOOB 10 (G) (B Hanbury) B Hanbury 7-10 ... N Carlisle [illegible]

BETTING: 7-2 Drummer Hicks, 4-1 For Reg, Jumaira Shark, 6-1 Sylvan, 7-1 Lahoob, 8-1 Let's Get Lost, 12-1 Ghalyoon, 14-1 Lord Vivienne, 16-1 Gotcha.

1991: MONTPELIER BOY 8-6 A Cruz (7-1) Lord Huntingdon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FOR REG 1¼l 4th of 10 to Neptune's Pet in a handicap at Sandown (1m, good). SYLVAN 1½l 3rd of 15 to Sovereign Rock in a handicap at Lingfield (7f 140yd, soft), with GHALYOON (2lb better off) 2l 4th.
JUMAIRA SHARK 1l 3rd of 13 to Rose Elegance in a handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). DRUMMER HICKS short-head 2nd of 7 to Saida in a handicap at Newcastle (1m, heavy). LET'S GET LOST 7l 4th of 5th to Quadrant in a maiden at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f, standard). LAHOOB beat Gold Blade a short head in a 17-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m, soft).
Selection: JUMAIRA SHARK

3.45 ANC ROCKINGHAM STAKES C4
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £11,550: 6f) (8 runners)

1 (6) 43421 LOOK WHO'S HERE 35 (D,S) (S Edwards) B McMahon 8-12 ... B Raymond 96
2 (8) 0111 PALACEGATE TOUCH 7 (D,G,S) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 8-12 J Carroll 86
3 (1) 311 RAIN BROTHER 19 (D,G) (L Gaucci) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 ... D Holland 97
4 (7) 231605 BROCKTON DANCER 10 (D,F) (Mrs D La Trobe) R Hannon 8-7 ... G Carter 88
5 (3) 31511 FALSOOLA 31 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-7 ... M Roberts [illegible]
6 (2) 11626 JERVIA 27 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 8-7 ... W Ryan 93
7 (4) 13 LIYAKAH 35 (D,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 8-7 ... W Carson 92
8 (6) 21 MITHL AL HAWA 18 (D,G) (Mohamed Suhail) J Fanshawe 8-7 ... W R Swinburn 97

BETTING: 9-4 Rain Brother, 3-1 Falsoola, 4-1 Mithl Al Hawa, 5-1 Liyakah, 10-1 Look Who's Here, 14-1 Jervia, 16-1 Palacegate Touch, 20-1 Brockton Dancer.

1991: MISTERIOSO 8-7 M Birch (6-1) D Elsworth 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOOK WHO'S HERE beat Storiths 3l in a 15-runner nursery at Haydock (6f, soft). PALACEGATE TOUCH beat Mr Butch 1¾l in a 13-runner nursery at Newmarket (6f, good to soft). RAIN BROTHER beat Realities a head in a 7-runner conditions race at Folkestone (6f, good).
FALSOOLA beat Hung Parliament 1l in a 16-runner nursery at Doncaster (6f 110yd, good), with BROCKTON DANCER (13lb worse off) 2¾l 6th. JERVIA short-head 2nd of 12 to Urobubzi in a nursery at Newcastle on penultimate start (7f, good). LIYAKAH 4½l 3rd of 6 to Silver Wizard in a listed race at Kempton (6f, good). MITHL AL HAWA beat Woodwardia 3l in a 17-runner maiden at Kempton (6f, good).
Selection: FALSOOLA

4.15 CORAL SPRINT TROPHY HANDICAP C4
(£13,110: 6f) (23 runners)

1 (9) 031002 NEVER SO SURE 3 (V,CD,G,S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 4-9-10 D Wright (7) [illegible]
2 (22) 100003 SUNDAY'S HILL 14 (V,D,F,G) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 3-9-7 ... R Cochrane 91
3 (20) 6110 KING'S SIGNET 15 (D,BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-7 ... G Hind 90
4 (8) 556300 CUMBRIAN WALTZER 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 7-9-5 M Birch 92
5 (23) 053400 RED ROSEIN 14 (D,F,G) (Exors of Mr J Gillins) J Wilson 6-9-4 ... G Carter 94
6 (17) 010001 HAZM 14 (D,F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-4 ... W Carson 96
7 (3) 002300 PANIKIN 53 (D,F,G) (P Lambert) J Wharton 4-9-4 ... S D Williams (5) 94
8 (1) 034102 DOUBLE BLUE 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 3-9-3 ... M Roberts 93
9 (4) 010020 BERTIE WOOSTER 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) R Holder 9-9-0 ... J Lowe 93
10 (11) 313021 IKTESHAF 12 (D,F,G,S) (B Hanbury) B Hanbury 4-8-13 ... B Raymond 98
11 (14) 523021 HOW'S YER FATHER 21 (D,F,G,S) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 6-8-13 Paul Eddery 95
12 (21) 6-531 AL SADI 150 (G) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-8-11 ... W R Swinburn 90
13 (7) 120200 SEA DEVIL 21 (D,F,S) (E Noble) M Camacho 6-8-9 ... N Connorton 88
14 (18) 020000 APPLEDORN 38 (F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 5-8-9 ... Dean McKeown 95
15 (19) 006020 AMRON 3 (D,F,G,S) (R Peebles) J Berry 5-8-8 ... N Carlisle 94
16 (2) 002413 ASSIGNMENT 21 (D,F,G) (A Goorie) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-8-7 ... T Williams 94
17 (10) 130360 DENSBEN 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 8-8-6 ... K Fallon 97
18 (13) 400020 ALLINSON'S MATE 21 (C,F) (P Jones) T Barron 4-8-4 ... Alex Greaves 92
19 (12) 602200 BALIGAY 15 (D,F,G) (H Cornell & Son Ltd) R Hodges 7-8-3 ... D Holland 93
20 (16) 22301 WILL OF STEEL 10 (D,S) (P Robinson) H Candy 3-8-2 ... Antoinette Armes (7) 95
21 (6) 165240 SADDLEHOME 29 (D,F) (Hyde Sporting Promotions) R Whitaker 3-8-1 A Garth (7) 91
22 (15) 455230 GORINSKY 21 (D,BF,F,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 4-7-13 ... N Adams 94
23 (5) 0-28000 PARFAIT AMOUR 8 (D,F) (Mrs G Wilkinson) R Whitaker 3-7-9 ... N Kennedy (5) 89

BETTING: 7-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 8-1 King's Signet, 10-1 Never So Sure, 12-1 Double Blue, Hazm, 14-1 Assignment, How's Yer Father, Will Of Steel, 16-1 Gorinsky, Sunday's Hill, Amron, 20-1 others.

1991: CUMBRIAN WALTZER 6-9-4 M Birch (11-1) M H Easterby 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEVER SO SURE 1½l 2nd of 11 to Bunty Boo in a handicap, here (5f, good to soft). KING'S SIGNET beat Sasparella 1½l in a 12-runner handicap at Yarmouth on penultimate start (6f, good).
HAZM beat AMRON (3lb better off) 2l in a 19-runner handicap at Haydock (6f, good to soft), with SUNDAY'S HILL (7lb better off) 1¾l 3rd with DENSBEN 11th, RED ROSEIN 14th and PARFAIT AMOUR 16th. IKTESHAF beat DOUBLE BLUE (7lb worse off) 3l in a 6-runner conditions race at Hamilton (6f, soft).
HOW'S YER FATHER beat Diet head in a 29-runner handicap Ayr (6f, soft), with ASSIGNMENT (3lb better off) 1l 3rd, ALLINSON'S MATE (6lb better off) 2½l 7th and GORINSKY 17th. AL SADI beat WILL OF STEEL (9lb better off) 3l in an 11-runner maiden at Kempton (7f, good).
Selection: NEVER SO SURE

4.45 CARLING BLACK LABEL LAGER HANDICAP C4
(£6,784: 6f 214yd) (19 runners)

1 (2) 1/401-0 AGHAADIR 8 (CD,F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 4-9-13 R Cochrane 86
2 (11) 253002 BEWARE OF AGENTS 15 (D,F,S) (B Yeardley Ltd) M Johnston 3-9-9 ... R P Elliott 89
3 (13) 001103 EN ATTENDANT 2 (D,F,G) (Exors of Mr B Newton) B Hanbury 4-9-7 ... B Raymond 88
4 (10) 110003 RINGLAND 22 (CD,BF,F) (R Moffatt) D Moffatt 4-9-2 ... Darren Moffatt (7) 90
5 (17) 322 EMIR ALBADOU 28 (BF) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-2 ... W R Swinburn 98
6 (15) 004484 PRENONAMOSS 8 (F) (Mrs W Oram) D Arbuthnot 4-9-1 ... W Carson 98
7 (6) 643414 COOL LUKE 23 (D,BF,S) (B Batey) G Moore 3-9-0 ... J Carroll 94
8 (3) 200030 ASHDREN 4 (D,G,S) (Mrs B Ramsden) A Harrison 5-8-13 ... G Carter 95
9 (14) 005000 SUPER BENZ 4 (D,F,G,S) (D Bramley) T Fairhurst 6-8-8 ... J Fanning 93
10 (19) 651402 GYMCRAK TYCOON 22 (D,F,G,S) (Gymcrak Racing III) M H Easterby 3-8-7 M Birch 92
11 (1) 4-02320 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 122 (E Young) C Cox 4-8-6 ... Paul Eddery 88
12 (8) 000060 CHOIR PRACTICE 7 (F,G) (T Cheshire) W Haggas 5-8-5 ... W Ryan 96
13 (12) 220524 SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 11 (D,S) (A Collins) J Watts 4-8-5 ... G Duffield 91
14 (4) 411100 THORNTON GATE 15 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 3-8-4 S Maloney (3) 91
15 (8) 340000 COLOSSUS 7 (D,G,S) (M Lemos) C Brittain 4-8-1 ... M Roberts 91
16 (18) 003300 HIGHLAND MAGIC 14 (D,G) (Miss N Carroll) M Fetherston-Godley 4-8-0 D Holland 93
17 (7) 105600 STATE FLYER 21 (V,G,S) (Mrs P Flowers) C Booth 4-7-12 ... N Adams 93
18 (8) 151334 KINLACEY 22 (D,BF,F,G) (M Stokes) B McMahon 5-7-10 ... J Lowe [illegible]
19 (16) 500500 DOYCE 23 (D,G,S) (Lord Matthews) J Etherington 3-7-7 ... Antoinette Armes (7) 87

Long handicap: Doyce 7-3.

BETTING: 7-1 Prenonamoss, 8-1 En Attendant, 10-1 Gymcrak Tycoon, Aghaadir, 12-1 Cool Luke, Choir Practice, 14-1 Kinlacey, Sagebrush Roller, 16-1 Ringland, Ashdren, 20-1 others.

1991: AGHAADIR 3-8-0 R Cochrane 5-7 (J M Gosden) 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEWARE OF AGENTS 2l 2nd of 4 to Combined Challenge in an auction race at Redcar (1m 1f, good).
EN ATTENDANT 3¾l 3rd of 13 to Forever Diamonds in a handicap at York (1m, good to soft). EMIR ALBADOU ¾l 2nd of 8 to What Katy Did in a maiden, here (1m, good), on penultimate start. PRENONAMOSS 1½l 4th of 18 to Millsolin in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good), with AGHAADIR 12l 18th. COOL LUKE 3¾l 4th of 13 to Sharpalto in a handicap at Ayr last time out (7f, soft). GYMCRAK TYCOON short-head 2nd of 11 to Skipper To Bilge in a claimer at Southwell (AW, 7f, standard), with RINGLAND (3lb worse off) a head 3rd. CHOIR PRACTICE 6l 7th of 29 to Hob Green in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to soft), with COLOSSUS (1lb better off) 6l 18th. SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 2¾l 4th of 7 to Saida in a handicap at Newcastle (1m, heavy).
Selection: EMIR ALBADOU

5.15 COLDSTREAM GUARDS ASSOCIATION CUP MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £6,108: 1m 2f 85yd) (8 runners)

1 (7) 34 ALHAAJIB 21 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson [illegible]
2 (2) BLANCHLAND (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 ... Paul Eddery —
3 (5) 2 CARIBOO GOLD 15 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... R Cochrane 69
4 (3) FORT SHIRLEY (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn —
5 (8) 346326 IN THE MONEY 32 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... W Ryan 80
6 (6) 330202 LOBILIO 4 (BF) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 ... M Roberts 91
7 (4) STRATHCARRON (Sir D Wills) W Jarvis 9-0 ... B Raymond —
8 (1) 0-4 TUNBRIDGE WELLS 173 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... G Hind 75

BETTING: 4-5 Alhaajib, 4-1 Cariboo Gold, 5-1 Lobilio, 8-1 Fort Shirley, 12-1 Tunbridge Wells, 20-1 In The Money, Strathcarron, 33-1 Blanchland.

1991: KING ATHELSTAN 9-0 W Carson (8-4 fav) J Gosden 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	22	68	32.4	D Holland	9	45	20.0
E Weymes	4	16	25.0	W R Swinburn	26	163	16.0
M F-Godley	3	12	25.0	Paul Eddery	15	95	15.8
M Stoute	30	129	23.3	M Roberts	33	214	15.4
J Wharton	5	23	21.7	W Carson	33	232	14.2
W Hern	5	23	21.7	M Birch	23	188	12.2

Brittain: Japan Cup plan for User Friendly

Sueboog is added to Dewhurst

By Michael Seely

THE irrepressible Clive Brittain yesterday outlined ambitious end-of-season objectives for two of his stable stars.

User Friendly, none the worse for her defeat by Subotica in Paris last Sunday, is to be nominated on Monday for the Japan Cup as the trainer attempts to repeat Jupiter Island's 1986 victory in the Tokyo invitational event.

Brittain also has designs on Friday's Dewhurst Stakes, having supplemented Sueboog yesterday. If successful, she would become only the third filly in the post-war era to win Britain's most important two-year-old race.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained has always been Brittain's motto and he is looking forward to sending User Friendly on the 12,000-mile round trip to Japan.

"She's come out of the Arc in tremendous shape," he said. "People are worried about the ground but I'm not concerned. There's always spring in the turf there."

Sueboog, Petardia and Lost Soldier were each supplemented at a cost of £12,500 for the Dewhurst yesterday.

An impressive winner on her only racecourse appearance at Newbury, Sueboog missed her intended engagement in the Prix Marcel Boussac last Sunday.

"We were going to supplement her, but she got very jazzed up in her final work with Love Of Silver," Brittain explained. "She's one of my best fillies and is fully entitled to take on the colts. I thought the race was looking rather dull," the trainer concluded with typical, but often justified, bravado.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN
2.30 Hiram B Birdbath. 3.00 Lock Keeper. 3.30 Master William. 4.00 Obeliski. 4.30 Artful Abbot. 5.00 Kronprinz.

THUNDERER
2.30 Hiram B Birdbath. 3.00 Call Kentons. 3.30 Master William. 4.00 Monk's Mistake. 4.30 Artful Abbot. 5.00 Peak District.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES)

2.30 TANKS & VESSELS INDUSTRIES NOVICES CHASE (£1,106: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 41PP ELLTEE-ESS 15 (B,F) R Weaver 7-11-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 P04- ACERTAINHIT 137 S Bowring 8-11-0 ... J A Harris
3 05F-5 CAN'T DISCLOSE 11 (B,F) Miss H Knight 11-11-0 ... R Guest
4 0 CHAT-A-LONG 9 D Brown 6-11-0 ... Mr A Rebori
5 R50P- ENCHANTED MAN 345 (F,S) R Lee 8-11-0 ... E Tierney (5)
6 -033 HIRAM B BIRDBATH 28 (B,F) J Glover 6-11-0 ... M Ahern
7 20P/0- LITTLE BRYMA 138 I Curson 10-11-0 ... S Curran (7)
8 2FF- TRAVELLER'S TRIP 133 (S) J Mackie 11-11-0 ... C Hawkins

8-4 Hiram B Birdbath, 11-4 Traveller's Trip, 4-1 Acertainhit, Elltee-Ess, 7-1 others.

3.00 AUTUMN NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(£872: 2m) (11)

1 0-3P FARM STREET 17 T McGovern 5-11-8 ... M Brennan
2 /400-1 LOCK KEEPER 22F (CD,F) J Mackie 6-11-4 ... S Wynne (5)
3 /2P- CALL KENTONS 246 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-2 ... M Dwyer
4 0226/ RAIN-N-SUN 626 J Harris 6-11-2 ... J A Harris
5 05- COUNT ROBERT 40F Miss J Doyle 4-11-1 ... S Curran (7)
6 P04/5- MERRY MATIC 416 (F) F Gray 8-10-13 ... M Crosse
7 08-0 CAROLINE RUA 21 C Tinkler 5-10-11 ... M A Fitzgerald
8 SUNLEY SPARKLE 17F D Gandolfo 4-10-11 ... D Meade (7)
9 00-0 DUNSTABLE 23 B Rothwell 4-10-10 ... R Supple
10 5/3-30 MILCLERE 21 (B) J Wharton 6-10-6 ... NON-RUNNER
11 200- MILLIE 5F G Fleming 4-10-4 ... M Robinson (7)

3-1 Call Kentons, Millie, 5-1 Lock Keeper, 7-1 Caroline Rua, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 from 30, 30.0%; R Lee, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Edwards, 9 from 37, 24.3%; K Bailey, 7 from 31, 22.6%.

JOCKEYS: M Richards, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; R Supple, 13 from 37, 35.1%; M Dwyer, 17 from 60, 28.3%; D Byrne, 4 from 21, 19.0%; C Hawkins, 3 from 24, 12.5%; Gary Lyons, 3 from 26, 11.5%.

3.30 NATIONAL PLANT & TRANSPORT PLC HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,024: 3m) (7)

1 08F- PERRY WELL 151 (D,G) K Bailey 8-11-10 ... S McNeill
2 8/3/5/ ZEUS 914 G Fierro 8-11-2 ... Gary Lyons
3 /0343- MAID MARINER 385 (C,D,F,G) M Chapman 10-11-1 ... W Worthington
4 -423 MASTER WILLIAM 17 (V,BF,F) J Edwards 8-10-13 M A Fitzgerald
5 3030 MUBAARIS 7 (B,C,F,G,S) B Richmond 9-10-10 ... R Guest
6 -450 HAGLER 7 (F,G) G Fierro 9-10-7 ... R Supple
7 P0-6 SECRET FINALE 25 (D,F,G,S) J Fox 13-10-3 ... S Turner

2-1 Master William, 9-4 Perry Well, 4-1 Mubaaris, 6-1 Hagler, 8-1 Maid Mariner, 16-1 others.

4.00 GAS WARM HOMES CLAIMING CHASE
(£1,161: 2m) (12)

1 2222 SLIPPERY MAX 2 (D,BF,F,G) R Juckes 8-11-10 ... P Midgley (5)
2 3365 LOVE ANEW 9 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 7-11-6 ... M Richards
3 5-43 OBELISKI 5 (B,D,G) P Haslam 6-11-6 ... D Bentley (7)
4 -130 LIAMS PRIDE 17 (CD,G,S) C Tinkler 9-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 2536- MONK'S MISTAKE 229 (D,F,G,S) A Forbes 10-11-0 Gary Lyons
6 DP85/ PRESET 504F Mrs P Russell 5-11-0 ... Mr S Walker (7)
7 P/P- QUARNDON 287 F Coton 7-11-0 ... D Byrne
8 305- CARA MUFFIN 134 (B) J Mackie 8-10-13 ... S Earle
9 -213 FOGAR 40 (B,F,G) J White 10-10-12 ... R Guest
10 5430 VANTARD 21 (B,F) Mrs J Jordan 10-10-12 ... C Hawkins
11 3-36 DONNALLEY LAD 22 (D,F,G) D Garraton 11-10-9 ... A Webb
12 -480 RAFFLES TOWER 22 I Curson 11-10-9 ... S Curran (7)

5-2 Monk's Mistake, 5-1 Love Anew, 6-1 Liams Pride, 8-1 Fogar, 12-1 Obeliski, Slippery Max, 14-1 Vantard, Donnalley Lad, 16-1 others.

4.30 FARNSFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,260: 3m 110yd) (4)

1 13-3 ARTFUL ABBOT 14 (B,CD,F,S) S Sherwood 8-11-10 M Richards
2 P5-2 GLASS MOUNTAIN 14 (B,CD,F,G) J White 10-11-3 ... R Guest
3 4-U4 TOUCH OF WINTER 4 (B) K Bailey 6-10-0 ... S McNeill
4 P0-5 CEDAR RUN 11 (F,S) G Charles-Jones 9-10-0 ... E McKinley

7-4 Artful Abbot, 9-4 Glass Mountain, 3-1 Cedar Run, 4-1 Touch Of Winter.

5.00 TANKS & VESSELS INDUSTRIES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,033: 2m 2f) (6)

1 6-13 PEAK DISTRICT 5 (C,G,S) K Bridgwater 8-11-10 ... D Bentley (7)
2 14P- MRS JAWLEYFORD 7F (S) C Smith 4-11-8 ... M Ranger
3 420- MERANDI SPECIAL 316 (F) J Thomas 5-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 33/ ANDREW'S FIRST 523 (CD) M Wilkinson 5-11-4 ... M Dwyer
5 -331 TEMPORALE 5 (C,F,G,S) K Burke 6-11-0 (7ex) ... R Supple
6 511- KRONPRINZ 22F (G) M Chapman 4-10-10 ... W Worthington

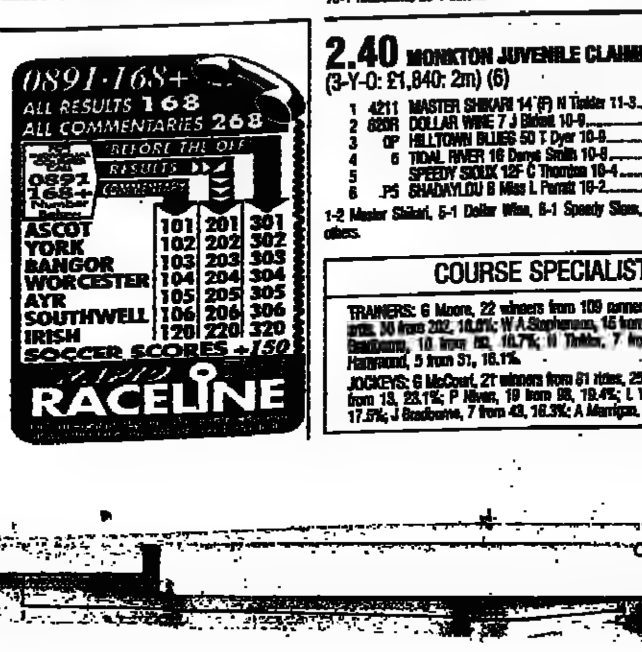
5-2 Temporale, 4-1 Peak District, 9-2 Kronprinz, Mrs Jawleyford, 5-1 Merandi Special, 8-1 Andrew's First.

Middle Park form on trial

LESTER Piggott rides Wootton Rivers for Peter Chapple-Hyam in the group three Juddmonte Beresford Stakes at the Curragh today (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

This will be the first test of the form of the Middle Park Stakes, in which Wootton Rivers finished fifth behind the French colt, Zieten.

He may have found the distance too sharp at Newmarket, having previously won over today's trip of a mile at Ayr, and looks a danger to Frenchpark and Scribe, both of whom have previously finished second to Fatherland.



MANDARIN
2.10 Frickley. 2.40 Master Shikari. 3.10 Charming Gale. 3.40 Jock's Burn. 4.10 Stepfaster. 4.40 The Laughing Lord.

THUNDERER
2.10 Dante's Inferno. 2.40 Master Shikari. 3.10 Charming Gale. 3.40 Hthael. 4.10 Beldine. 4.40 Thistleholm.

GOING: GOOD

2.10 MINISHANT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,892: 2m) (10 runners)

1 P4/0 ALMARREEKH 7 P Monteith 7-10-12 ... M Moloney
2 P34- DANTE'S INFERNO 171 (S) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-12 ... P Williams (7)
3 5P/ FLASH OF REALM 596 P Monteith 6-10-12 ... A Dobbin (5)
4 242- FRICKLEY 278 G Richards 6-10-12 ... L Wyer
5 04-0 GOING PUBLIC 7 W A Stephenson 5-10-12 ... K Johnson
6 23-5 LOVING OMEN 14 Miss Z Green 5-10-12 ... P Niven
7 330- MACCONACHIE 312 M Dods 5-10-12 ... A Merrigan
8 58-1 RABSHA 8 (D,G) D McCune 4-10-12 ... P Waggott (7)
9 36-0 FISHIN' TACKLE 8 L Lungo 4-10-11 ... F Perratt (7)
10 RICHMOND 15F (S) N Tinkler 4-10-11 ... G McCourt

7-4 Frickley, 4-1 Loving Omen, 5-1 Dante's Inferno, 6-1 Rabsha, 8-1 Macconachie, 10-1 Richmond, 20-1 others.

2.40 MONKTON JUVENILE CLAIMING HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,840: 2m) (6)

1 4211 MASTER SHIKARI 14 (F) N Tinkler 11-3 ... G McCourt
2 833R DOLLAR WINE 7 J Bidel 10-9 ... D Barry (7)
3 0P HILLTOWN BLUES 50 T Dyer 10-9 ... A Linton (7)
4 6 TIDAL RIVER 16 Denys Smith 10-8 ... P Waggott (7)
5 SPEEDY SIOUX 12F C Thornton 10-4 ... D Wilkinson
6 P5 SHADAYLOU 8 Miss L Perratt 10-2 ... L O'Hara

1-2 Master Shikari, 5-1 Dollar Wine, 8-1 Speedy Sioux, 10-1 Shadaylou, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Moore, 22 winners from 109 runners, 20.2%; G Richards, 36 from 202, 18.0%; W A Stephenson, 15 from 89, 16.9%; Mrs S Bradburne, 10 from 60, 16.7%; N Tinkler, 7 from 43, 16.3%; M Hammond, 5 from 31, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 21 winners from 81 rides, 25.9%; P Williams, 3 from 13, 23.1%; P Niven, 19 from 98, 19.4%; L Wyer, 14 from 80, 17.5%; J Bradburne, 7 from 43, 16.3%; A Merrigan, 6 from 37, 16.2%.

3.10 SYMINGTON NOVICES CHASE
(£2,022: 3m 1f) (6)

1 P5-R CLONROCHE DRILLER 7 Mrs S Bramall 7-11-0 ... J Bade (7)
2 02U- ISLAND GALE 136 D McCune 7-11-0 ... P Waggott (7)
3 U4-F MARLEFIELD 7 (V) K Oliver 10-11-0 ... T Reed
4 4-U2 MISTER TUFTIE 12 (BF,F) G Richards 7-11-0 ... G McCourt
5 -521 CHARMING GALE 7 (F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-13 ... P Williams (7)
6 0/UF CELTIC WATERS 7 Miss D Thomson 7-10-9 ... A Orkney

11-10 Charming Gale, 6-4 Mister Tuftie, 7-1 Island Gale, 16-1 others.

3.40 ANNBANK NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,829: 2m 4f) (5)

1 3-31 JOCK'S BURN 8 (D,G) G Richards 6-11-4 ... N Leach (7)
2 402- CEILIDH BOY 301 Mrs J Goodfellow 6-10-12 ... R Hodge (5)
3 23 HTHAAL 7 L Lungo 4-10-11 ... R Marley
4 008- KNIGHT OF HONOUR 186F M Dods 4-10-11 ... A Merrigan
5 0/3- KNOWING 232 M Hammond 5-10-7 ... P Niven

7-4 Jock's Burn, 2-1 Hthaal, 4-1 Knowing, 6-1 Ceilidh Boy, 20-1 Knight Of Honour.

4.10 TARBOLTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,654: 2m 4f) (7)

1 16-3 CORNET 16 (V,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 6-12-0 ... P Niven
2 154- INTERIM LIB 149 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-3 ... Mr J Bradburne
3 /1P/ QUASSIMI 729 (D,F,G) G Richards 8-10-7 ... G McCourt
4 1-1F BELDINE 17 (F,G,S) P Monteith 7-10-7 ... M Moloney
5 251- FOSBURY 287 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-3 ... J Callaghan
6 11-2 STEPFASTER 18 (D,F,G) W A Stephenson 7-10-3 ... K Johnson
7 12P- BAVARD BAY 166 (S) G Richards 8-10-0 ... L Wyer

9-4 Beldine, 7-2 Stepfaster, 4-1 Cornet, 7-1 Interim Lib, 8-1 Quassimi, 10-1 Fosbury, 12-1 Bavard Bay.

4.40 CROSSHILL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,221: 2m 6f) (8)

1 /8P- ASTON EXPRESS 380 (C,G,S) G Moore 9-12-0 ... J Callaghan
2 11-5 THE LAUGHING LORD 14 (D,F,S) W A Stephenson 6-11-6 ... Mr A Thornton (7)
3 U/02 EASTERN OASIS 16 (CD,F,G,S) J Andrews 9-11-5 P Williams (7)
4 11-1 THISTLEHOLM 14 (F,G,S) W Nelson 6-11-4 ... Mr W Ewing (7)
5 101- RIVER PEARL 168 (G,S) G Richards 7-10-7 ... N Leach (7)
6 2-11 JULIETSKI 17 (V,F,G) M Hammond 4-10-1 ... P Niven
7 08/5 PIT PONY 17 (C,G,S) Miss L Perratt 8-10-0 ... D J Moffatt (7)
8 52-4 TREBONKERS 7 (F,S) Miss L Perratt 6-10-0 ... L O'Hara

11-4 Thistleholm, 3-1 Julietski, 7-2 Eastern Oasis, 4-1 The Laughing Lord, 8-1 River Pearl, 16-1 Aston Express, 20-1 others.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 4.10 Daswaki.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good to soft (good to soft, straight course good after 3.40 race)

2.00 (6f) 1, RUSTIC CRAFT (J Williams, 12-1); 2, Khatat (W Carson, 6-5 fav); 3, Aghar (T Quinn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Wisham (5th), 13-2 Correspondence, 11 Frosty Morning (6th), 12 Wali (4th). 7 ran. 1½l, 2½l, 2½l, 4l, 5l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £14.50; £3.40, £1.40. DF: £7.40. CSF: £25.26. 1min 16.67sec.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, PLAN AHEAD (D Harrison, 11-2; Mandarin's nap); 2, Only Royale (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 3, Rose Alto (G Duffield, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Selaah (5th), 10 Fire Top (4th), 10 Fengari, 14 Seal Indigo, Mitzig, 16 Canny Chronicle (6th), 20 Host, Cottonwood. 11 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 5l, ¾l, nk. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £4.50; £1.40, £1.50, £4.70. DF: £4.40. Trio: £23.50. CSF: £111.95. 2min 10.82sec.

3.05 (1m) 1, WELL BEYOND (Pat Eddery, 12-1); 2, Jdaayel (M Roberts, 7-2); 3, Culture Vulture (T Quinn, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Midnight Air (4th), 16 Nashville Blues (5th), 50 Cambrian Hills (6th), 150 Brave The Wind. 7 ran. Hd, ½l, 2½l, ½l, ¾l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £13.00; £3.30, £2.00. DF: £13.90. CSF: £47.89. 1min 46.99sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, BRIGANTE DI CIELO (B Raymond, 20-1); 2, Chain Dance (W R Swinburn, 11-1); 3, No Reservations (J Weaver, 12-1); 4, Shamam (R Hills, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Satin Dancer, 13-2 Burooj (5th), 8 Midwinter Dream, 11 Home From The Hill, 14 Defenceless, Hostile Witness, 20 My Patriarch (6th), Empire Pool, Awestruck, 33 Expo Mondial, Range Rider, 50 Regal Aura. 16 ran. NR: Seasonal Splendour. ½l, ½l, ¾l, nk, sh hd. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £28.50; £4.40, £2.50, £2.90, £5.70. DF: £153.40. CSF: £166.43. Tricast: £1,835.48. 1min 29.82sec. Chevrotain (13-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

4.15 (2m 45yd) 1, BOLD RESOLUTION (M Roberts, 11-4 fav); 2, Nijmegen (K Fallon, 10-1); 3, Jungle Dancer (Pat Eddery, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Prince Mercury (4th), 13-2 Whitechapel (5th), 12 Five To Seven, Hatham, 14 Our Aisling (6th), Welshman, 16 Gay Glint, 40 Celcon, Black Sapphire. 12 ran. 1¾l, 1l, 1l, ¾l, 7l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £3.80; £1.70, £3.10, £2.10. DF: £28.80. Trio: £63.10. CSF: £28.35. Tricast: £219.35. 3min 36.09sec.

4.45 (1m) 1, OLETTE (J Weaver, 9-4; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Bold Pursuit (R Perham, 7-4 fav); 3, Muhit (K Rutter, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Flaming Arrow (4th), 20 Johns Joy, 25 Disputed Call (5th), 50 State Of Affairs, Duty Sergeant, 100 Hightown-Princess (6th). 9 ran. 1½l, 10l, 2l, hd, 8l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £3.90. CSF: £6.09. 1min 42.05sec.

5.15 (1m 4f) 1, IVOR'S FLUTTER (Mr C Vigors, 100-30); 2, Maamur (Mr N Miles, 11-4 fav); 3, Shadow Bird (Mr P Pritchard-Gordon, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Kinematic (5th), 11 Taylors Prince (4th), 25 Sanawi, 50 Christmas Hols, 66 Black Jewel (6th), 150 Coxann. 9 ran. NR: Dr Zeva. 1l, 2½l, 12l, 4l, 2l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £11.20. CSF: £11.68. Tricast: £31.18. 2min 39.23sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,281.81 carried forward to Ascot tomorrow).

Placepot: £641.80.

Carlisle

Going: good (good to firm in places)

1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Chic And Elite (A Dobbin, 13-8 fav); 2, Buston King (50-1); 3, Just Eve (33-1). 11 ran. 25l, 1½l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £17.10, £2.50. DF: £49.20. CSF: £61.81.

2.20 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Kushbaloo (B Storey, 13-8 fav); 2, Gone Astray (50-1); 3, Lothian Pilot (9-1). 13 ran. NR: Algan. 5l, 2½l. C Parker. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.80, £2.00. DF: £16.50. CSF: £69.20.

2.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Chantry Bartle (S Lyons, 16-1); 2, Seon (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Sexy Mover (12-1). Azureus 5-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. 5l, sh hd. C Thornton. Tote: £16.40; £1.80, £2.40, £2.90. DF: £31.70. CSF: £55.57. Tricast: £481.25.

3.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Brackenfield (P Niven, 1-4 fav); 2, South Stack (5-1); 3, Broke The Bank (25-1). 5 ran. NR: Attadale. 20l, 2½l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £1.98.

3.55 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Silver Stick (C Grant, 8-13 fav); 2, Rose Tableau (13-2). Only two finished. 5 ran. 3½l. M W Easterby. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.48.

4.30 (2m ch) 1, Wind Force (N Doughty, 6-4 fav); 2, Positive Action (13-2); 3, Absalom (33-1). 7 ran. 5l, 5l. G Richards. Tote: £2.10; £2.20, £1.70. DF: £5.80. CSF: £10.08.

5.00 (2m 1f flat) 1, White Diamond (Mark Roberts, 20-1); 2, Nouvelle Cuisine (4-1); 3, Spiders Delight (7-1). Rallying Cry 7-2 fav. 25 ran. Nk, 2l. Mrs A Swinbank. Tote: £43.00; £12.10, £2.00, £1.50. CSF: £93.54. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £1.60.

Placepot: £5.40.

Market Rasen

Going: good (good to firm in back straight)

2.15 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Have A Nightcap (J A Harris, 12-1); 2, Gns Et Violet (6-1); 3, Lightning Spark (25-1). Robins Son 11-4 fav. 15 ran. 3½l, 4l. J Harris. Tote: £16.10; £3.70, £2.20, £3.20. DF: £58.80. CSF: £76.12.

2.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, Sheriff's Band (R Garritty, 7-2); 2, First Lord (100-30); 3, Dare Dago (25-1). Into The Trees 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £4.80; £2.50, £2.00. DF: £8.40. CSF: £14.47.

3.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, West Ender (A Maguire, 4-1); 2, Rapier Thrust (7-2); 3, Decent Man (6-1). Silver Hello evens fav. 4 ran. 10l, 20l. J Jefferson. Tote: £4.70. DF: £7.40. CSF: £14.68.

3.45 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Persian House (M Dwyer, 5-4 jt-fav); 2, Le Temeraire (5-4 jt-fav); 3, Iveagh Lad (8-1). 4 ran. 2½l, dist. J Jefferson. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.01. NR: Strong Fancy.

4.20 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Hudson Bay Trader (Mrs A Farrell, 9-1); 2, In Deep Water (16-1); 3, Bold Street Blues (9-1). Shooting Lodge 15-8 fav. 10 ran. 2½l, ½l. P Beaumont. Tote: £12.20; £2.40, £2.70, £3.30. DF: £56.10. CSF: £118.90.

4.55 (3m hdle) 1, Hebron Whin (R Garritty, 5-2); 2, My Desire (5-4 fav); 3, Tonkawa (17-2). 9 ran. ¾l, 8l. M H Easterby. Tote: £3.50; £1.30, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.77.

5.25 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Master's Crown (Lorna Vincent, 5-2 fav); 2, Elite Design (7-1); 3, Related Sound (10-1). 6 ran. Sh hd, 15l. M Chapman. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.80. DF: £8.40. CSF: £17.81. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £1,633.10.

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CRICKET

Cowdrey delivers strong warning on ball-tampering

By Ivo Tennant

SIR Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), broke his long silence on allegations of ball-tampering yesterday to warn captains and cricket managers "to stamp it out immediately". Match referees, he said, would be directed to take a strong line with those who shirked the responsibility.

Sir Colin said he had been empowered by senior representatives of all Test-playing countries to make a statement before the heavy programme of international cricket this winter. "They are concerned about the widespread allegations of tampering with the surface of the ball, whereby it is subjected to calculated and systematic damage, and the fears that this is increasing throughout the cricket world.

"This practice is, of course, contrary to the laws of cricket and the spirit of the game, and is totally unacceptable," he said. "Test match umpires will be instructed to be as vigilant as possible and to have no compunction whatsoever in changing a ball at the first sign of interference."

Sir Colin did not refer directly to the recent allegations made about Pakistan's fast bowlers by Allan Lamb, but he is due to make a further statement on Tuesday. Micky Stewart, England's team manager during the summer, expressed support for Sir Colin's strictures, and said that he and Graham Gooch had warned their players at the start of the series against Pakistan not to tamper with the ball.

"I am not surprised by Colin's comments. The only surprise I have is that something was not done before now. It is a pity that it has not been possible for events this summer to have been clarified. I would not know why Colin has not said anything before now.

"Ball-tampering has existed for a while, practised by a minority rather than a majority, but I don't know whether it can be cleared up," Stewart, now the Test and County Cricket Board's national director of coaching and development, said.

"I have spoken to Colin about it, although for the most part, our discussions have been through the respective referees."

Sir Colin also said the ICC would discuss at its proposed meeting in January whether there should be a more punitive action for ball-tampering. His comments would suggest that he does not intend to clarify to what extent the ball was tampered with during England's series with Pakistan. It is understood that the ICC want to avoid litigation at all costs.

Sir Colin added that Test-playing countries had been encouraged by the response to the ICC's Code of Conduct from captains and players, and that umpires valued the support of match referees. There had been fewer instances of sledging and dissent, he said.

□ Surrey's management board will issue a statement on Monday on the findings of its committee of enquiry, chaired by Peter May, which was set up to look into their offences of ball-tampering, for which the club received a suspended fine.

May would not comment yesterday on the conclusions of the committee, which met for two days.

Surrey launched the enquiry to investigate the charges and discover why the club chairman, Derek Newton, and his committee learnt of the matter only when the club was summoned to appear before the TCCB last month.

IAN STEWART

Tree trouble: Woosnam hacks out of problems on his way to beating Olazábal at Wentworth yesterday

Woosnam crushes Olazábal

Mel Webb witnesses a magnificent display of golf from a Welshman back in peak form

NOBODY was surprised when Ian Woosnam had a huge first-round victory over an unknown 40-year-old Japanese with health problems in the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth. Yesterday, the opposition was infinitely more famous, younger and decidedly fitter. So what did Woosnam do? He had a huge second-round victory.

His opponent, Jose Maria Olazábal, played well enough but not even the world's third-ranked player was a match for an irresistibly in-form Woosnam, who strolled to a comprehensive 8 and 7 win.

There are days when Woosnam makes the game look absurdly easy and this was one of those days. Just about every drive split the fairway, he knocked the flag out with his irons and, most crucially of all, he sank every putt that really mattered. It did not matter what Olazábal threw at him, he would always top the punchline, always have the last word.

Take the fifth hole in the afternoon. After being six down at lunch, Olazábal had clawed three of them back; were we watching a game of two halves here?

It seemed so, especially when Olazábal rolled in a 27-foot putt for a birdie two. Woosnam, totally undeterred, followed him in from 25 feet for a half that had seemed wildly improbable not two minutes before.

Olazábal did his best to conceal slack-jawed amazement; Woosnam, on a roll again, bustled off with caddie in tow to the next tee.

We were not to know it at the time but that was the beginning of the end. Woosnam, for once in harmony with his putter, in what has been a season of uncertainty on the greens for him, then gorged himself on birdies for the next hour and a half.

He sank a six-foot putt on the 6th and went five up with a ten-footer at the next. Olazábal made a dreadful porridge of his first two shots on the 8th but it was academic, Woosnam putting an end to the hole with an outrageous putt from 28 feet.

By now, it was just about over. Only the last rites to be performed and they took place with what had become routine birdies at the 9th and 10th, where Woosnam sank putts of 15 feet and five feet respectively. Here was a man at peace with his Ping and loving every minute of it.

It left Woosnam dormie eight and the match came to its expected conclusion when he put an effortless six-iron to three feet on the 11th.

That made it seven birdies on the trot, a record sequence for the championship, and 14 single putts in the last 18 holes.

It was all too much for the hapless Olazábal, who did the decent thing and threw himself to his knees in abject surrender.

In the end, defeat must have come as a blessed relief.

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Wentworth: Par 72 (6,945 yards): Outward nine — 35 (3,361 yards); inward nine — 37 (3,584 yards)

Hole	1	[illegible]	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	[illegible]	14	15	[illegible]	17	[illegible]	
Yards	471	155	452	501	191	344	399	398	450	186	376	483	441	179	466	380	571	502	
Par	4	3	4	5	3	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	4	5	4	[illegible]	4	4	5	5	
S Ballesteros (Sp)	4	4	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	4	4	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	level
J Sluman (US)	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	5	[illegible]	4	4	6	5	level
J M Olazábal (Sp)	3	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	[illegible]	5	4	5	6	
I Woosnam (Wales)	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	3	4	4	4	[illegible]	4	4	3	3	2	4	5	4	4	[illegible] up
N Price (Zim)	4	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	2	W													
G Norman (Aus)	4	3	4	5	4	C													
N Faldo (Eng)	4	3	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	4	5	[illegible]	3	3	3	5	4	6	3	3 up
M O'Meara (US)	4	[illegible]	4	4	3	4	[illegible]	4	3	4	6	[illegible]	5	3	3	4	5	5	

Hole	19	20	21	22	[illegible]	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	[illegible]	[illegible]	36	Result
Yards	471	155	452	501	191	344	399	398	450	186	376	483	441	179	466	380	571	502	
Par	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	5	5	
S Ballesteros (Sp)	4	3	4	4	3	3	[illegible]	4	C	3	4	5	4	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	5	
J Sluman (US)	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	6	[illegible]	3	3	4	5	3	2 holes
J M Olazábal (Sp)	4	3	3	4	[illegible]	4	4	4	4	3	[illegible]								
I Woosnam (Wales)	[illegible]	3	4	5	2	3	3	3	[illegible]	2	3								8 and 7
N Price (Zim)																			won
G Norman (Aus)																			retired
N Faldo (Eng)	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	W	3	3				5 and 3
M O'Meara (US)	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	4	4	4	3	3	6	C	3	5				

W: won. C: conceded.

Norman forced to pull out by injury

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

GREG Norman hopes to be fully fit to play for Australia in the Alfred Dunhill Cup next week, despite being forced to withdraw from the World Match Play Championship at Wentworth yesterday.

Norman retired after six holes of his second-round match with Nick Price because of a neck injury which brought on a severe headache. "I felt terrible on the practice range, but I wanted to give it a go," Norman said. "I knew soon enough the neck wasn't right and that I had no option other than to stop.

"I could not hit my shot to the 5th green properly and when I just punted the ball about 200 yards off the 6th tee I decided there was no point in continuing. I didn't want to cause further damage."

Norman believes he sustained the injury by sleeping in an awkward position. He was troubled by it during the first round, after which he received ultrasound treatment.

"I wish I had got the treatment I asked for yesterday," he said. "I sent a message back after 12 holes that I could do with seeing someone about my neck, but they never turned up. If you start to feel something is wrong then it is best to get treatment for it straightaway.

"I have arranged daily treatment to make sure that I will by OK for St Andrews next Thursday."

Norman underwent knee surgery earlier this year. He is on a strict diet and has lost a lot of weight.

His withdrawal is the first in the 29-year history of the championship.

Price was sympathetic to Norman's plight. "I could see Greg was in pain from the start," he said. "He did not make a full swing in the five holes. He mishit almost every shot."

But Price, runner-up last year, said the injury to Norman could have affected his own chances.

"I needed a good match today," Price said. "Obviously I wanted to win, but I wanted to play at least 30 holes and get warmed up.

His opponent today, Nick Faldo, "will have seen the whole course in competition and I think it will be a bit difficult for me".

RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly relies on summer squad

By Christopher Irvine

THE formbook can be a misleading arbiter. Despite Malcolm Reilly's earlier assertion about present performance dictating selection, the Great Britain coach is almost certain to base his choice for the World Cup final in two weeks' time on the party that narrowly lost to Australia in July.

Apart from the likely additions of the outstanding St Helens prop forward, Kevin Ward, and the kicking game of Jonathan Davies, from Widnes, Reilly is expected to keep faith with the bulk of his squad this summer. Under the continued captaincy of Garry Schofield, a one-off game with Australia demands experienced heads and minimum experimentation.

The demands of the tour have hardly assisted form this season, although minor injuries — such as those sustained by Martin Offiah and Graham Steadman — could just be the rest cure that rejuvenates key members of the side for Wembley.

Unlike the majority of the Australians, who played their first match in a month at Huddersfield last night, Great Britain have had precious little time to recuperate. A Lancashire Cup final between Wigan and St Helens, involving up to 14 of Reilly's players, six days before Wembley is a distortion of priorities.

Half back is a bone of contention for Reilly. Schofield is unwilling but a switch from stand-off half to centre, alongside Gary Connolly, is a possibility should the creative Bradford Northern scrum-half, Deryck Fox, be called up for his first international to partner Shaun Edwards.

Reilly's announcement of his squad on Tuesday will put an emphasis on big, powerful forwards to counteract Australia's weight advantage.

Andy Platt, of Wigan, one of Reilly's few automatic selections, will feature, with Ward as the other first-choice prop. Paul Moriarty, of Widnes, has made a telling case for inclusion in a pack that will be dominated by Wigan, with the likely exceptions of Ellery Hanley, of Leeds, and Lee Jackson, of Hull.

□ Rochdale Hornets have signed the Australian hooker, Phil McKenzie, on a month's loan from Widnes.

□ Chris Winstanley, London Crusaders' Australian half back, sustained a serious ankle injury in an accident at work yesterday. Ross Strudwick, the Crusaders coach, said: "Chris fell from scaffolding. We don't know the full extent of the injury at this stage but he faces a lengthy lay-off."

SNOOKER

Parrott in front after cagey start

From Phil Yates
in Dubai

ALTHOUGH Stephen Hendry was expected to dominate the final of the Dubai Duty Free Classic, on the strength of previous performances here, John Parrott led 6-5 at the second session interval in the Al Nasr stadium last night.

Hendry, attempting to win the title for the third time in four years, struggled to find the form he displayed in reaching the final, whereas Parrott scored heavily at almost every opportunity. His advantage over the Scot could have been greater.

Hendry won the first frame with a break of 66 and led 64-33 in the next when he failed to escape from a snooker, leaving a free ball. Parrott levelled at 1-1 with a 39 clearance. It was an exchange typical of a cat-and-mouse opening session in which neither player managed to stamp his authority.

Parrott's break of 92 in the third frame took him 2-1 ahead, but Hendry won the next two frames in routine fashion. When the world champion added the next for 4-2 with a 50 clearance, he appeared to be the most likely recipient of the £40,000 first prize. However, a 70 break gave Parrott, the holder, the concluding frame of the afternoon session and the psychological advantage.

On the resumption, Parrott was the more composed as Hendry, uncharacteristically, took on and missed a number of crucial long pots. Runs of 53 and 34 direct from these mistakes gave Parrott a 5-4 lead only for Hendry to respond with a 112 break, the highest of the match, in the tenth frame.

Parrott restored his one-frame advantage in the next frame by potting brown to pink, leaving him requiring three of the remaining six frames for victory.

SCORE: J Parrott (Eng) leads S Hendry (Scot), 6-5. Frame scores (Parrott first): 18-74, 77-64, 92-0, 48-64, 8-71, 47-78, 75-1, 102-31, 72-37, 14-112, 64-53.

Robinson shines in Slovenia

From Patricia Davies in Bled

SARA Robinson, the former English amateur strokeplay champion from Heswall in Cheshire, came home in 33, four under par, to take the lead in the first round of the Slovenian Open here yesterday.

Robinson, bolstered by the presence of Ian Spencer, her fiancé, as caddie, went round in 70, finding the sort of scoring form that has largely eluded her in three years as a professional.

After going out in 37, one over par, she produced five birdies in seven holes from the 11th, and only failed to break 70 because she put her second shot into the trees at the 18th. She is one shot ahead of the largely unsung trio of Allison Shapcott, Karen Lunn and Rica Comstock.

Even in these hard, largely sponsorless times, Robinson, 61st on the money list, enjoys the professional game and since she made the cut in the Dutch Open in August, she has started to believe in herself again.

Comstock, a former stockbroker from Connecticut, with only two wins in a decade and a half, and more, as a professional, finds it hard to believe in her putting.

Her erstwhile colleagues probably have more confidence in an imminent economic revival than she does in her ability to force the ball into the hole. "I'm not yipping," she insisted. "They go left, right, short, long. I hit 16 greens in regulation and had one birdie. That's not too good."

In general, the greens were highly praised, even though a herd of cows from the neighbouring fields took a close look at the pin placings during their early morning constitutional. The course manager stuck to Slovenian when asked to comment.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 70: S Robinson. 71: A Shapcott, R Comstock (US), K Lunn (Aus). 72: V Michaud (Fr), L Maritz (SA), S Gronberg (Swe), C Nilsmark (Swe), L Hackney, H Hopkins (Aus). 73: E Farquharson, M Hageman (Holl), L Fairclough, D Petrizzi (US), H Parson (US). 74: J Hill (Zim), S Strudwick, B New, K Douglas. 75: D Barnard, J Arnold (NZ), G Stewart, S Bennett. 76: K Espinasse (Fr), M Burstrom (Swe), C Soules (Fr), S Shapcott, F Dunn, D Dowling, M Berteskold (Swe), S Moon (US).

Chapman's record is matched by Langer

Hamburg: Roger Chapman, who is in his eleventh season on the European Tour and is still awaiting his first win, set a course record of 65 here yesterday but still found himself trailing Bernhard Langer by three shots after two rounds of the Honda Open.

Langer played with his customary precision to equal the Kent player's record as he moved to the head of the field with a ten-under-par total of 134.

Chapman, who is often mistaken for Tom Kite, gave a passable impression of the US Open champion by putting together a round which included seven birdies. "That was one of my best efforts of the year, but I can't explain why," Chapman said. "It has been one of those frustrating years. Every time I have got myself into a good position to pick up a big cheque, I've fallen back."

LEADING THIRD-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 134: B Langer (Ger), 69, 65. 137: R Chapman, 72, 65. 139: B Malley (US), 69, 70. 139: F Couples (US), 69, 70; G J Brand, 70, 69. 140: D Clarke, 71, 69; P Mitchell, 70, 70. 141: I Palmer (SA), 72, 69; P Fowler (Aus), 69, 72; M Roe, 70, 71; E Els (SA), 71, 70. 142: J Parnevik (Swe), 71, 71; W Westner (SA), 72, 70; J Rystrom (Swe), 71, 71; P Broadhurst, 73, 69; J Quiros (Sp), 71, 71.
143: Y Kuramoto (Japan), 70, 73; G Ralph, 71, 72; P Smith, 72, 71; M Piñero (Sp), 73, 70; J Metcalfe, 73, 70; R Hartmann (US), 71, 72; S McAllister, 73, 70; M Hallberg (Swe), 71, 72; G Brand Jr, 72, 71. 144: P Curry, 70, 74; D Mijovic (Can), 72, 72; A Murray, 73, 71; R Boxall, 72, 72; P Lonard (Aus), 73, 71; D Gilford, 74, 70; J McHenry, 73, 71; J Robinson, 70, 74; H P Thuel (Ger), 72, 72; M Lanner (Swe), 74, 70; M McLean, 77, 67; G Turner, 74, 70.

BASKETBALL

Defeated Kings start fresh life in Europe

By Nicholas Harling

AS ONE door in Europe closed for Guildford Kings, another opened. Under the peculiar competition rules devised by Fiba, the international federation, the league champions can now enter the European Cup Winners' Cup at an advanced stage after their exit from the more prestigious Champions' Cup in Limoges on Thursday.

Unlike last year when they had a similar option, only to incense Fiba by changing their minds at the last minute because of financial restrictions, Kings will participate in the less lucrative event this time.

"We will definitely go into it," Barry Dow, the club's joint owner, said yesterday. "Our eyes are on Europe and we want to play in every European competition we can." Dow's mind was made up by his club's imminent move from their temporary home at Guildford Sports Centre to the £29 million Spectrum Arena where, he hopes, somewhat optimistically, to attract crowds of up to 4,000 for major European games. "We have a wonderful venue to play at now," Dow said.

It was in another magnificent arena, the Palais des Sports in Limoges, that Kings suffered their latest European comeuppance, their second successive failure to make either of the final pools of eight after the heady success of 1989 when they did so in the name of Kingston.

Guildford's chance had all but disappeared by half-time when they trailed 41-20 to the French club, rejuvenated after last week's 72-72 tie at Crystal Palace. "Too many of our guys just didn't show up the first half," Kevin Cadle, the coach, said.

He refused to accept as an excuse the enormous handicap endured by Derek Thompkins from the first minute. The American gamely carried on after having a tooth go through his upper lip in a collision with Richard Dacoury.

Fortunately for Guildford, their two other play-makers, Karl Brown and Alton Byrd, came good in the second half to bring their team briefly back into contention before their eventual defeat by 71-57 on the night and 143-129 overall.

YACHTING

British Steel leads down African coast

By Barry Pickthall

RICHARD Tudor and his British Steel II crew re-established their lead within the ten-strong fleet as the leading yachts completed the first 1,500 miles in the British Steel Challenge round the world race yesterday.

Their position off Cape Blanc, the western most point of Mauritania at 14:00GMT yesterday, placed them a slender five miles closer to Rio de Janeiro, the first stopover port in this 28,000-mile race, than Paul Jeffes's Interspray which is tracing a similar course down the African coast and which was leading the fleet on Thursday. These two crews and their rivals aboard the third-placed yacht Heath Insured, who are shadowing their course 40 miles astern, enjoyed the best of the weather yesterday and used it to extend their advantage over the rest of the fleet.

Particularly so Coopers & Lybrand, which was caught in calms, drifting along at 1.3 knots 178 miles behind British Steel II.

One crew to make a remarkable recovery has been Rhone-Poulenc. John O'Driscoll and his crew were tail-end charlies on Wednesday after losing four days patching and repairing their spinnakers, but yesterday they were back in fifth place, 120 miles behind the leaders.

"The spinnakers are reduced in shape and performance, but certainly a lot better than nothing," O'Driscoll said yesterday when reporting that they had caught seven fish for last night's dinner, providing a tasty change from their freeze-dried fare.

Sightings of wildlife has increased considerably now that the fleet has passed the Tropic of Cancer. Ian MacGillivray reported turtles swimming around Pride of Teesside, and Mike Golding on Group 4 had a seven-strong school of sperm whales come and inspect his yacht. "Some came as close as ten feet," he said with obvious concern.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Rio de Janeiro): 1, British Steel II (R Tudor) 3,055 miles; 2, Interspray (P Jeffes) 3,060; 3, Heath Insured (A Donovan) 3,095; 4, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden) 3,144; 5, Rhone Poulenc (J O'Driscoll) 3,178; 6, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding) 3,184; 7, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss) 3,189; 8, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray) 3,213; 9, Commercial Union (W Sutherland) 3,223; 10, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry) 3,233.

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FOOTBALL

Kelly hopes to keep Newcastle on course for record

By a Special Correspondent

DAVID Kelly, the Newcastle United forward whose career has been revitalised at St James' Park, hopes to continue his prolific form today as his side chases a tenth successive first-division victory.

Kelly, 27, has scored seven goals in Newcastle's storming start to the season, including two in the midweek Coca-Cola Cup victory over Middlesbrough, and is hoping to add to his haul against Tranmere Rovers in front of another huge crowd on Tyneside.

Kelly's career looked to have gone backwards when a £600,000 transfer from Walsall to West Ham United ended in disappointing failure. After his goalscoring exploits at Fellows Park he managed just seven goals in 41 appearances for West Ham and moved back to the Midlands with Leicester City midway through his second season in the capital.

But it was when he moved to Newcastle that Kelly, the Republic of Ireland international, rediscovered his touch, scoring 11 goals in 25 games to help them avoid relegation.

"I am playing as well as I have at any time in my career," he said yesterday. "The only time I have felt like this was when I was with Walsall and I had a little spell where I scored 15 goals in eight games."

Kelly said he is feeling the benefits of having worked all through the summer to make sure he was in the best form for the season's start. "At the end of last season I was beginning to feel tired before the end of games and I knew in my own mind that I wasn't really 100 per cent fit, so I did a lot of work on my own in the summer and I'm happy to say this has paid off," he said.

The impressive displays of youngsters Lee Clark and Steve Howey have also paid off. The Newcastle manager, Kevin Keegan, yesterday agreed new three-year contracts with them.

Keegan said: "We know we have plenty of talent here in the North-East and we aim to keep it here. I hope there is a clear message going out: Newcastle United are no longer a breeding ground for the big clubs. We are a big club.

"This is proved by our support and the way we are playing. Clark and Howey in particular have done well and are going to get the sort of wages their play deserves."

Kevin Brock will replace the injured Kevin Sheedy today. That means there is still no place for Mick Quinn, who has scored five goals in five starts this season. Keegan said: "Obviously, Mick is disappointed, but I feel that we would be better balanced by bringing in Kevin. Mick's attitude and discipline has been tremendous and he is still very much part of our plans."

Victory for Newcastle will leave them still four wins away from the record achieved by Reading at the beginning of the 1985-6 season, when they registered 13 straight victories in the former third division.

Leeds were undefeated in the first 29 matches of the 1973-4 season, and Liverpool matched that in 1987-8 before losing to Everton. Nottingham Forest completed 42 games without defeat between November 1977 and December 1978.

Billy Bonds meanwhile urged his West Ham side to forget their Coca-Cola Cup exit against Crewe Alexandra and concentrate on promotion. Bonds said he was not unhappy with the team's performance and insists morale has not been dented as they prepare to face Sunderland at Upton Park tomorrow.

"Obviously I was not pleased with the result, but these things happen," Bonds said. "I was quite pleased with a lot of what we did."

MATCH OF THE DAY: FIRST DIVISION

Barnsley v Luton

Barnsley, at the bottom of the table, have not been helped by the sale, a week ago, of Smith, their solid central defender, to Notts County. However, Mel Machin's side has acquired Biggins from Stoke City to strengthen their attack. Machin's job could be in jeopardy if they fail to defeat lightweight Luton Town, who will be without the injured Peake, their captain and central defender. Dreyer deputises and there is also a place for Matthew, on loan from Chelsea.

Birmingham v Leicester

One of many first division derbies in the Midlands. Gayle returns to the Birmingham City attack, after 14 months out with Achilles tendon trouble, while Rennie is restored to the side following six weeks out with knee ligament damage. Whitlow and Gee are fit again for Leicester, who could persist with Joachim, a promising 18-year-old who scored against Peterborough United in midweek. Shaken by the 4-0 home defeat against Wolverhampton Wanderers two weeks ago, Birmingham — missing the injured Mardon in central defence — could do with a win. But Brian Little's Leicester City should have the beating of them.

Bristol City v Charlton

Denis Smith, the Bristol City manager, has used 23 players already this season. When he won promotion with York City and Sunderland, the maximum he used over a season was 16. His problems are highlighted by a porous defence but City do menace when going forward and could threaten Charlton Athletic's unbeaten league record. Charlton will want to bounce back from their surprisingCoca-Cola Cup exit against Bury and will sympathise with Smith's injury list. So small is their squad that Alan Curbishley and Steve Gritt — their managerial team — are reluctant to let the players play five-a-side matches in training.

Millwall v Cambridge Utd

Only an unsuccessful role in a penalty shoot-out deprived Millwall of a place in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup on Wednesday, when Mick McCarthy's side gave Arsenal the fright of their lives. Now, it is Cambridge United's turn. John Beck, the Cambridge manager, has made subtle modifications to their direct approach but, when it comes to self-expression, his players lag way behind Millwall's. Millwall are unaltered but Beck is undecided about his back line.

Newcastle Utd v Tranmere

Can John Aldridge derail the Kevin Keegan express? The Tranmere Rovers forward used to cheer on the Newcastle manager from Liverpool's Kop but he would dearly love to help prevent United collecting a tenth successive league win today. Tranmere's decision to dispense with the sweeper system this season has produced plenty of goals and they could test United's defence. Keegan replaces the injured Kevin Sheedy with Kevin Brock, leaving Mick Quinn, who has scored five goals in five games, on the bench once again.

Notts County v Grimsby

Neil Warnock's managerial future at Meadow Lane has been the subject of some speculation and this is a match he knows Notts County need to win. They are unchanged for the first time this season but Grimsby will have to cope without Gilbert and Ford.

Peterborough v Brentford

Ankle injuries dictate Peterborough United must make do without Robinson in their defence and Barnes on the wing. Payton, on loan from Everton, returns in goal for Brentford.

Portsmouth v Swindon

Guy Whittingham versus Craig Maskell. Whittingham, of Portsmouth, has scored 13 times this season and Maskell, of Swindon Town, has 11. With Glenn Hoddle wearing a Swindon shirt and Alan McLoughlin back in the Portsmouth midfield to face his former team, this match promises much. A must for the purist.

Aldridge: keen to end Newcastle's run

Southend v Wolves

Having been on the receiving end of a 7-0 Coca-Cola Cup crushing at Derby County in midweek, Southend could do without a visit from Steve Bull and company today. Wolves must decide whether to partner Bull with Mutch or Roberts in attack — or possibly both — and will be hoping that Stowell, their impressive goalkeeper, passes a fitness test on his ankle. Jones, with one first team appearance behind him, stands by.

Watford v Bristol Rovers

Bristol Rovers seek their first win at Vicarage Road for 30 years but may have to do so without Hardyman and Skinner, who face late fitness tests. Wells, bought from Barnet for £175,000, makes his debut alongside Furlong in the Watford attack.

Tomorrow

Derby v Oxford Utd

Since buying a central defender, Craig Short, and a ball-winning midfield player, Martin Kuhl, there has been no holding Derby County. Arthur Cox's £10 million team can continue its climb up the table by recording a third consecutive league win. The script casts Oxford United as the fall guys. They will be relieved if Paul Simpson, their former forward and Derby's leading scorer with ten goals, fails a fitness test.

West Ham v Sunderland

Sunderland's win at Upton Park last season put West Ham United out of the FA Cup so Billy Bonds and his players have reason for revenge. If the game today is anything like as good as that fifth-round tie, television viewers will be in for a treat. Malcolm Crosby, the Sunderland manager, pairs Goodman and Davenport in attack, leaving Byrne, at best, on the bench. Butcher has a groin injury so Bennett continues in central defence. West Ham, beaten by Crewe Alexandra in the Coca-Cola Cup, could be without Martin, who has a broken hand.

☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

Peter Ball reports on the rising stock of Blackburn's prolific goalscorer

Shearer times his run perfectly to step up for expectant England

Putting in the leg-work: Shearer works on his fitness during England's squad training session at Lilleshall yesterday

Stars shine brightest in a dark sky. One of the greatest pleasures in a period when football's standards are under increasing question has been the emergence of one or two dazzling talents to light up the game.

None more so than the most expensive player in English football, Alan Shearer, whose performances in Blackburn Rovers' rise to the top of the table have been breathtaking. Shearer has scored 15 goals in 13 appearances this season, but more impressive than his goals has been his overall play. At just 22, his maturity has been staggering.

He could not have come on to the scene at a better time for an increasingly beleaguered Graham Taylor. The England manager's critics said that he fulfilled Napoleon's main criterion for a successful general — being lucky. His European championship experience in Sweden apparently destroyed that line, but to lose Lineker and then find Shearer ready and waiting suggests it may be true after all.

After scoring on his England debut against France, Shearer has not proved himself as a goalscorer at international level. "There is going to be a lot of pressure on me now," he said yesterday. "Because of what I've done at Blackburn, everyone is going to be expecting me to do it at international level, quite rightly."

Anyone seeing him on his early appearances for the Under-21s could not doubt his ability, or his temperament. He has an astounding record for scoring in his first games at every level, with goals on his debuts for Southampton, England Under-21, the full international side and for Blackburn, in both the Premier League and the Coca-Cola Cup.

Taylor is hoping that Shearer can mark his first World Cup game in like fashion. Until this season, he had had his ups and downs, like any young player; now he has scored as many league goals, 12 in 11 games, as he managed in his first 80 games after his dramatic opening with a hat-trick against Arsenal.

Now he cannot stop scoring. "I've not changed a single thing since Southampton," he said. "People say I look stronger, but I think I'm still exactly the same player and the same person as I was last year."

On his form for Blackburn this season, it can only be a matter of time before he translates these feats into the international arena. The £3.3 million transfer fee provoked some criticism in the summer. It now looks like a bargain, as Blackburn's benefactor, Jack Walker, pointed out last week.

"People keep talking about the money," Walker said, "but just look at what we've got. He is a wonderful player. He will be one of the great Blackburn players to compare with anything we have had before."

Walker's testimony might be disregarded as biased but team-mates, opponents and professional observers queue up to pay tribute to a player who marries strength, temperament, pace and skill, a far cry from the days when Chris Nicholl said "he couldn't trap a bag of cement".

That is a tribute to his hard work. He does not appear imposing off the field (5ft 11in and 11st 3lb); on it, he is awesome, his power, strength and sheer stamina marking him out as a formidable opponent.

"He is the nearest thing to the old-fashioned centre forward I've seen in years," said Gordon Taylor, who idolised Nat Lofthouse, played with a few of his successors, and is now a regular spectator at Ewood Park, not to mention chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association.

"He is the perfect all-round leader of the line, and leader of the team. He has inspired the whole team, he has made people you saw struggling in last season's second division bubble again.

"He reminds me of Nat Lofthouse for his presence and strength, but there is more to his game than that. He uses the flanks very effectively, he creates goals for others, he drops back and gets involved in the build-ups and then finishes them off.

"I used to knock balls in for Wyn Davies and Francis Lee at Bolton, and Bob Latchford and Trevor Francis at Birmingham — I wish I was knocking balls in for him because he gets on the end of everything. To say he has the strength of Lofthouse and the skill of Trevor Francis would be a bit of an exaggeration, but he has Lofthouse's strength and he has the creativity of Francis, at times. He gets goals with strength and finesse."

That sounds like the encomium of the fan, but Taylor is not alone in his praise for a player whose work for the team makes him universally popular with his colleagues and admired by his opponents. "What impresses us is that he is a real team man," Mike Newell, his Blackburn forward partner said.

Off the field, too, he is level-headed and helpful. "A person you'd be delighted to have as your son," Kenny Dalglish remarked.

If there is a fear, it is that he will be kicked out of the game. Against Spain last month, he had a taste of what to expect. "I take it as a compliment that people are going out to try and stop me, and it's a compliment that I'm the most expensive player in the country," he said. "That gives me confidence."

Add that to a growing list of qualities he possesses.

MOTOR SPORT

Lauda and Ferrari spark war of words

By Norman Howell

BERNIE Ecclestone, head of Foca, the Formula One constructors' association, has reacted angrily to criticism of the state of the sport in the wake of Nigel Mansell's defection to IndyCar racing.

Niki Lauda, the Austrian triple world champion, speaking at the Paris Motor Show, said: "A sport that cannot hold on to its world champion, that might even lose Senna, is one that is not functioning properly. Fewer protagonists will reduce the number of spectators, and inevitably the sponsors will follow." The comments by Lauda, now a consultant with Ferrari, follow those of the Ferrari president, Luca di Montezemolo, who said: "We may very well take some time off to reflect on where we are going. Some of our greatest successes have been outside Formula One."

Between them they have clearly annoyed Ecclestone. "I don't understand why Lauda should make these kind of statements," he said yesterday. "He is clearly into sensationalism."

Ecclestone is particularly concerned that the comments will hinder other teams' chances of finding sponsors. "Ferrari has won so much because it has always had more money than anyone else," he said. "It is easy to win when you have five times the budget, and there is no reason why they should not be winning still. If they spoke less to the press and got on with the job in hand they'd do much better."

Lauda's comments have also upset the Benneton team. 'Niki Lauda is of course an old glory," Flavio Briatore, the team's commercial director, said. "But I don't think Ferrari are in any position to make comments about sponsorship. They don't need it, and all this does is damage teams that instead have to go out and find the funds to go racing."

Giancarlo Baccini, a spokesman for Ferrari, defended his team's position. "How can you not criticise a sport that is not able to hang on to is world champion?" he said.

Baccini denied a rumour that Mansell is to join Ferrari. "At no time have we entered into discussion with Mansell. We have two drivers and are not interested in Mansell," Baccini said.

IN BRIEF

Sir Barnaby in line for fond farewell

Pippa Nolan, who intends retiring her mount, Sir Barnaby, after the competition, is the leading British rider after the dressage phase of the Dutch three-day event championship at Boekelo.

Nolan finished 5.6 penalties behind the leader, Jorg Bodenmüller, of Switzerland, on Oree de la Brasserie, and boosted Britain to third place in the team event overnight, behind New Zealand and Holland.

Blown off course

Golf: The Grand Slam of Golf, a 36-hole competition between the winners of the four major championships, has been switched from Honolulu to La Quinta, California because of damage caused by Hurricane Iniki.

☐ John Harrison, of Barnard Castle, won the Anvil north region PGA club professionals' championship for the second time in four years after a play-off with Brian Rimmer, from Oaklands.

Indian resistance

Cricket: India plan to resist the use of a third umpire during their tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa, which starts next week. South Africa want an off-field official to assist in decisions and Zimbabwe want to rotate three umpires in each match.

Jays strike back

Baseball: The Toronto Blue Jays beat the Oakland A's, 3-1, to level the best-of-seven American League championship series 1-1 in Toronto on Thursday. Kelly Gruber had a hand in all three runs.

Iron resolve

Triathlon: Mark Allen, from the United States, will try to win the Hawaii Iron Man event for a record fourth successive year today.

CYCLING

Part-timers gather for trophy start

THE cyclo-cross season starts in earnest tomorrow with the first of the three National Trophy events on a new course at Dudley Castle (Peter Bryan writes).

Roger Hammond, the junior world champion, has elected to compete in the senior event, but warns that now he has started a four-year course at Brunel University, studies will have priority and his racing will be halved.

The British open champion, David Baker, the Raleigh professional, is another who will be seen less frequently in cyclo-cross during the coming five months. He has a two-year contract which requires him to concentrate on mountain bike racing, after his bronze medal success in this year's world championship.

Baker has won the National Trophy series four times, one fewer than holder, Steve Douce, who is also competing tomorrow.

In the past 12 months cyclo-cross entries across the country have increased by 24 per cent over the previous year.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND RECORD

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Second qualifying round, third replay: Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1, Bognor Regis 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 2, Valencia 0. Leading positions (after six matches). 1, Deportivo La Coruña, 10pts; 2, Barcelona, 8; 3, Atlético Madrid, 8.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Wimbledon 2, Bristol City 0. Postponed: Norwich v Oxford Utd.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 3, Rotherham 0; Manchester City 1, Leicester 2. Second division: Everton 2, Huddersfield 1; Oldham 1, Middlesbrough 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: England International trial: South of England 4, West of England 1. English British Gas Trophy: Bedford 0, North Herts 1; Chesterfield 1, Derby 4.

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCOPA: First round: Nacional (Col) 1, Cruzeiro (Br) 1.

WORLD CUP: African zone group A qualifying match: Algeria 3, Burundi 1 (at Algiers)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: Toronto: Oakland A's 1, Toronto Blue Jays 3 (best-of-seven series level 1-1).

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Second preliminary round, second legs: KK Zader (Cro) 88, CSKA Moscow 78 (Zader won 174-173 on agg); Maccabi Tel Aviv 100, Benfica Lisbon 81 (Maccabi won 189-156 on agg); Cibona Zagreb (Cro) 109, HIMKY Helsinki (Fin) 85 (Zagreb won 192-173 on agg); Mechelen (Bel) 90, Hapoel Tel Aviv 76 (Mechelen won 170-164 on agg); Olympiakos (Gr) 88, Smelt Olimpija (Slo) 81 (Olympiakos won 176-169 on agg); Real Madrid 97, CSKA Sofia 76 (Real Madrid won 200-151 on agg); Orthez (Fr) 64, Efes Pilsen Istanbul 55 (Orthez won 129-122 on agg).

CYCLING

LA DORADA, Colombia: Clasico RCN: Second stage (205km): 1, S Kelly (Ire), 4hr 42min 13sec; 2, V Polnikov (Russ); 3, K Garcia (Sp); 4, R Beltran (Col), all same time; 5, L Quintero (Col), at 2sec. Overall: 1, A Mejia (Col), 6hr 28min 25sec; 2, C Chiappucci (It), at 1sec; 3, A Camargo (Col), 22; 4, L Gonzalez (Col), 32; 5, L Herrera (Col), 32.

CRICKET

MERCANTILE MUTUAL CUP: Perth: Victoria 132 (D S Lehmann 87; D R Martyn 3-9, T M Moody 3-29); Western Australia 135-0 (M R J Veletta 72 not out, G R Marsh 51 not out). Western Australia won by ten wickets.

EQUESTRIANISM

BOEKELO: Dutch three-day event championship: Dressage: Team: 1, New Zealand, 166.0; 2, Holland, 176.4; 3, Great Britain, 176.8. Individual: 1, Oree de la Brasserie (J Bodenmuller, Switz), 48.0 penalties; 2, Fancy Hill (J Bodenmuller), 48.2; 3, Coeur de Rocker (D Seguret, Fr), 51.0. Britain: 8, Sir Barnaby (P Nolan), 53.6; 19, Bertie Blunt (N Burton), 60; 26, Pneumonia (L Thelwell), 63.2; 39, On Spec (L Jennings), 67.2; 40, The Dealer (R Powell), 67.8.

GOLF

LAS VEGAS: Men's tournament: Second-round leaders (US unless stated): 132: R Gamez, 68, 64. 133: J Adams, 66, 67; T Lehman, 66, 67; P Persons, 68, 65. 134: J Cook, 66, 68; R Maltbie, 68, 66; J Heller, 68, 66; O Browne, 68, 66. 135: F Acinger, 66, 69; F Allem (SA), 68, 67; T Schulz, 68, 69; D Pooley, 66, 69. 136: B Fleisher, 68, 68; J Gallagher, 70, 66; K Clearwater, 70, 66; Davis Love III, 70, 66; K Green, 70, 66; N Henke, 68, 68; N Lancaster, 67, 69; M McCumber, 68, 68.

WARRINGTON: Anvil north region club professionals' championship: Leading second-round scores: 137: P Bradley (Billingham), 68, 69. 139: B Rimmer (Oaklands), 68, 71; W McColl (Northenden), 67, 72. 140: P Barber (Oldsbury), 70, 70; A Dyson (Headingley), 68, 72.

HINOCHO, Japan: Women's tournament: Second-round leaders (Japan unless stated): 144: I Shiotani, 74, 70; P Rizzo (US), 72, 72; H Kobayashi, 71, 73. 145: S Maeda, 70, 75. 146: Y Nakamura, 72, 74; J Savi (Aus), 71, 75. 147: T Ozaki, 72, 75.

WARRINGTON: Anvil north region club professionals championship: Leading final scores: 208: J Harrison (Barnard Castle), 69, 72, 68; B Rimmer (Oaklands), 68, 71, 70 (Harrison won play-off at first extra hole). 210: W McColl (Northenden), 67, 72, 71; P Allan (Ashton-in-Makerfield), 67, 74, 69. 211: P Barber (Oldsbury), 70, 70, 71. 213: A D Dyson (Headingley), 68, 72, 73; G Furey (Pleasington), 71, 70, 72; P Carman (Huddersfield), 73, 72, 68; P L Cowen (Lindrick), 75, 69, 69. 214: L F Turner (Horsforth), 71, 73, 70.

BERKSHIRE GOLF CLUB: London amateur foursomes: First round: Bishop's Stortford bt Royal Ashdown Forest, 1 hole; Berkhamsted bt Walton Heath, 2 and 1; East Berks bt Romford, 1 hole; North Hants bt Dunstable Downs, 2 holes; Harewood Downs bt West Sussex, 3 and 2; North Middlesex bt Camberley Heath, 6 and 5; Ashford Manor bt Dulwich and Sydenham, 5 and 3; Stoke Poges bt West Hill, 2 and 1; Hankley Common bt Flackwell Heath, 4 and 3; Fulwell bt Chigwell, 1 hole; Puttenham bt Old Ford Manor, 2 and 1; Denham bt Surbiton, 4 and 3; East Herts bt Brent Valley, 1 hole; Ashridge bt Neville, 3 and 2; Hindhead bt Berkshire, 2 and 1; South Beds bt Wentworth, 4 and 2; Muswell Hill bt Knole Park, 4 and 3; Harpenden bt Guildford, 2 holes; Addington Court bt Bramley, 4 and 3; Porters Park bt Bush Hill Park, 1 hole; Roehampton bt Wyke Green, 3 and 2; Foxhills bt West Herts, 3 and 2; Gerrards Cross bt Cotteesmore, 4 and 3; Orsett bt Knebworth, 3 and 2; Ilford bt Burnham Beeches, 5 and 3, Burhill bt Hainault Forest, at 21st; Thames Ditton and Esher bt Verulam, 1 hole, Shirley Park bt West Byfleet, 2 and 1; Ealing bt South Herts, 2 and 1; Hendon bt Enfield, 3 and 2; Theydon Bois bt Mannings Heath, 5 and 3; Highgate bt Moor Park, 1 hole. Second round: Bishop's Stortford bt Berkhamsted, 2 and 1; East Berks bt North Herts, 3 and 1; North Middlesex bt Harewood Downs, 4 and 3; Stoke Poges bt Ashford Manor, 1 up; Fulwell bt Hankley Common, 2 and 1; Puttenham bt Denham, 3 and 2; East Herts bt Ashridge, 6 and 4; Hindhead bt South Beds, 3 and 2; Harpenden bt Muswell Hill, 21st; Porters Park bt Addington Court, 5 and 4, Roehampton bt Foxhills, 2 and 1; Gerrards Cross bt Orsett, 3 and 2; Ilford bt Burhill, 5 and 4; Shirley Pk bt Thames Ditton and Esher, 19th; Ealing bt Hendon, 4 and 3; Highgate bt Theydon Bois, 2 and 1.

MUIRFIELD: Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers: Autumn medal: Gold medal: 74: D E D Nerve. 77: N J Crichton, P J Burrell. Musselburgh medal: 76: Dr J H Bryce. Grant Cup: 156: Bryce.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Truro 17, Penwith 41; Truro II 17, Penwith II 13; Liverpool College 10, Wrekin 13. Representative match: Middlesex Colts 3, Germany Colts 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Bradford Northern 24, Warrington 14; Featherstone Rovers 16, Halifax 14.

RUGBY FIVES

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Winchester 117, Wasps 86.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 3, Hartford Whalers 2; Quebec Nordiques 5, Buffalo Sabres 4; Ottawa Senators 5, Montreal Canadiens 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 7, New York Islanders 3, Minnesota North Stars 5, St Louis Blues 2; Calgary Flames 7, Edmonton Oilers 2; Detroit Red Wings 5, Los Angeles Kings 3; San Jose Sharks 4, Winnipeg Jets 3 (OT)

TENNIS

ZURICH: Women's tournament: Second round: Z Garrison (US) bt J Durie (GB), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt N Zvereva (CIS), 7-5, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 6-2; J Wiesner (Austria) bt P Shriver (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; A Strnadova (Cz) bt H Sukova (Cz), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; S Graf (Ger) bt W Probst (Ger), 6-0, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz), 6-3, 6-3; M Navratilova (US) bt B Fitzner (Ger), 6-3, 6-0. Quarter-finals: Graf bt Wiesner, 7-5, 6-4; Novotna bt Strnadova, 6-4, 6-0. Navratilova bt Maleeva, 6-2, 6-3.

TOULOUSE: Men's tournament: Second round: A Boetsch (Fr) bt G Pioline (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt L Roux (Fr), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; J Siemerink (Holl) bt M Rosset (Switz), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; A Medvedev (CIS) bt P Gaudinet (Fr), 6-4, 7-5; G Forget (Fr) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Siemerink (Holl) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-4, 7-6, Boetsch bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-3, 6-2.

ATHENS: Men's tournament: Second round: J Arrese (Sp) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-2, 6-4; F Clavet (Sp) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 6-4, 7-6; J Sánchez (Sp) bt F Fontang (Fr), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; M Goellner (Ger) bt R Furlan (It), 6-3, 7-6; M Velev (Bul) bt M Ausalio Gomez (Sp), 6-4, 6-2.

SYDNEY: Australian men's indoor championships: Quarter-finals: S Edberg (Swe) bt J McEnroe (US), 6-3, 6-3; H Holm (Swe) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt P Haarhuis (Holl), 7-6, 6-3; R Krajicek (Holl) bt I Lendl (US), 7-6, 7-5.

SPEEDWAY

HOMEFIRE LEAGUE: First division: Ipswich 53, Arena Essex 32; Swindon 46, Oxford 44

ICE HOCKEY

Norwegians cruise through first match

By Norman de Mesquita

DURHAM Wasps headed for Blackburn yesterday to meet the champions of Norway, Romania and Spain in group E of the European Cup, confident that home advantage, something no British team in this competition has previously enjoyed, gives them a good opportunity of making further progress.

Only the winners of the group will advance to the semi-finals, which means that the Wasps will have to play far better than they have done so far this season to have a realistic chance.

Valerengen, of Norway, beat Steaua Bucharest, the Romanian champions, in the opening match of the round robin series in a style which justified their position as favourites.

They were rarely under pressure, except during the first seven minutes when they had three men in the penalty box. As Paul Smith, the Durham coach, had forecast, Steaua passed the puck efficiently but far too predictably and their shooting was neither hard nor accurate enough to worry Jim Marthinsen in the Valerengen goal.

Svenn Bjornstad opened the scoring for the Norwegians following an imaginative and swift build-up. His goal separated the teams at the end of the first period, thanks to some fine saves by Jan Stanciu in the Steaua goal. But Stanciu was helpless when the Norwegians scored three times in only 48 seconds late in the second period.

Steaua's best player, Nunu Andrei, did find a way past Marthinsen before Jon Opsahl had the last word for the Norwegians, who skated off 5-1 winners with no reason to doubt that they can go on to win the group.

RESULT: European Cup: Quarter-finals: Valerengen (Nor) 5, Steaua Bucharest (Rom) 1

☐ Tony Fiore, the Canadian, has decided not take up his contract with Cardiff Devils, who play their opening Heineken League premier division game against Humberside Seahawks tomorrow.

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England to try new partnership

Taylor brings in Wright to act as Shearer's foil

By Peter Ball

THE responsibility for ending England's search for goals against Norway next Wednesday falls on inexperienced shoulders. Alan Shearer and Ian Wright will form England's international strike force for the first time in their opening World Cup qualifying group match.

The pair have never played together at any level, which is hardly an ideal preparation for a match of this importance, but Graham Taylor, the England manager, was denied the chance to try them together in less crucial circumstances when Arsenal withdrew Wright from the international against Spain last month.

"I think we'll complement each other, our styles are different in some ways, similar in others, and we're certainly both scoring a lot of goals this season," Shearer said when he was informed about his new partner, "but I don't know if a partnership can gell after just one match, and that is what we'll have to look to do."

At least the pair are in vibrant form. Wright has scored 31 goals in 41 games since joining Arsenal 12 months ago, Shearer 15 in 13 since his move to Blackburn this summer.

Whether that can be translated into a working partnership remains to be seen, as Taylor admitted at the team's fitness assessment programme at Lilleshall National Sports Centre's human performance centre yesterday.

"People keep saying how exciting the thought of playing Wright and Shearer in partnership is," Taylor said, "but will it come off or won't it? I don't know, but it is exciting. What we have to be looking at is making sure we provide them with the service."

There's the rub, as Gary Lineker discovered in Sweden where England managed one goal in four games, and not many more chances, in the European championship finals.

With the need to create in mind, the doubt about Trevor Steven, who stayed at Ibrox yesterday for treatment on a hamstring injury, was a blow. If Steven fails to recover, Gary Parker, of Aston Villa, will join the squad at Bisham Abbey tomorrow.

More immediate consolation was at hand from the sight of Paul Gascoigne, undoubtedly England's most creative player, outlasting his five partners — Ince, Dixon, Adams, Clough and Bardsley — in the endurance "bleep test", so called because each lap is marked by a bleep. Taylor, however, was eager to damp down any excessive expectations.

"I expected Paul to do that," he said. "He's highly motivated, and he has been doing a lot of running as part of his rehabilitation."

But however much Taylor resists it, if Steven is missing, as seems likely, it will increase the pressure on him to find room for Gascoigne, if not for 90 minutes.

Taylor, however, was also quick to point out that, in themselves, yesterday's tests told him little. They were the first of a series of 12, stretching over to the game with San Marino in November 1993, the final game in the qualifying group, and they are to be used for comparative purposes rather than for what one reveals.

Football, as he said, has often resisted this kind of assessment in the past. Now it will be brought into play to provide Taylor with further information as he tries to match the preparation of his rivals. In the long term, he suggested, it may even influence his team selection, although he was quick to qualify that.

"The major indicator about a player is 'does he perform on the pitch?', but if a player's performance is not right and that is coupled with his fitness levels dropping noticeably lower than it had been three years ago, it would have to affect my judgment," he said.

In saying that, he may have given a hostage to his critics if not to fortune. After the disappointment of Sweden last summer, Taylor, too, needs a good result on Wednesday to get the critics off his back.

In the aftermath of the European championships the strain showed, but he insisted yesterday that he had now put it behind him. "It is all changed now, we are into the World Cup. I'm lucky that I've got a very strong family unit when the pressure mounts. If I ever did think it was getting too much for them because they were becoming affected by the criticism and suggested that I should give up, they wouldn't let me."

Yorath unhappy as Giggs withdraws

RYAN Giggs has been withdrawn from the Wales squad for the World Cup group four qualifying match against Cyprus in Limassol next week (Louise Taylor writes).

Giggs injured a hamstring in United's midweek Coca-Cola Cup win against Brighton. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, did not initially inform Yorath of the injury, and Wales considered invoking a Uefa rule and demanding that Giggs, 18, travel to London to be examined by the Wales doctor.

Yorath, clearly unhappy, said: "I have been told that Ryan has picked up a knock. There is no point invoking the Uefa rule because he is out and that is it. I do not want to say any more about it." Jeremy Goss, of Norwich City, has been called up.

Julian Dicks, the West Ham United captain, has been suspended for two matches for his second sending-off of the season. Dicks, who was dismissed in the match against Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux last Sunday, was also dismissed against Newcastle St James' Park in August.

☐ Sunderland yesterday sold Thomas Hauser to the Dutch first division club, SC Cambuur, for £50,000.

Plotting a way ahead: Faldo surveys the scene at Wentworth yesterday

Olazábal swept aside by the bold Woosnam

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

IAN Woosnam yesterday demolished José María Olazábal 8 and 7 at Wentworth and moved closer to another confrontation with Nick Faldo in the Toyota World Match Play Championship.

The Welshman strode so purposefully around the intimidating West course that he had gathered 12 birdies and one eagle when Olazábal eventually surrendered on the eleventh green where, with a touch of drama, he went down on both knees as if pleading for mercy.

Woosnam, who has made 23 birdies in the 59 holes he has played this week, will today play the American, Jeff Sluman, who eliminated Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion, at the 36th hole.

In the other semi-final, Nick Price, the US PGA champion, will take on Faldo, the Open champion. Price progressed when Greg Norman withdrew after six holes with a neck injury, while Faldo got the better of Mark O'Meara by 5 and 3.

Faldo won this championship for the only time by beating Woosnam by one hole in 1989. Woosnam, the winner in 1987 and 1990, now has good reason to believe he can pull off his third success. His game is close to its best and his putter is white hot. He had six birdies in succession from the 5th in the afternoon, equalling the championship record, and a seventh if one counts the three foot putt which Olazábal conceded at the 11th.

Olazábal hit a three-iron to eight feet to win the 1st with a birdie but Woosnam levelled with a birdie at the 4th and from then on he was in control. He struck a glorious five-iron approach to 18 feet at the 12th from where he holed for an eagle three and, with the assistance of four birdies, he went into lunch six up.

The history of the World Match Play is punctuated with stories of wonderful recoveries and, for just a moment, Olazábal must have believed the impossible might be possible. The Spaniard won three of the first four holes following the interval, holing from 27 feet for a two at the 5th. But much to his chagrin, Woosnam followed him in from 25 feet. Thereafter Woosnam holed every putt, and Olazábal had no option other than to accept defeat with good grace.

Woosnam will be difficult to beat. He has that impish look again, despite still trying to shake off a cold. Sluman will certainly need to play better than he did against Ballesteros. He hit several destructive shots, but as Ballesteros's game was in much the same vein, they mattered little.

Sluman opened the door to his opponent at the 12th in the afternoon when he hooked a four-iron into the woods. "I wouldn't say that it's the most stupid shot I've hit, but it ranks in the top two," Sluman said.

Ballesteros could not believe his good fortune. He had strayed into the trees with his drive, but he won the hole to square the match with a five to a six. The Spaniard also won the next where Sluman, bunkered in two, came out to four feet and then missed the putt.

The match swung the other way when Ballesteros missed from five feet at the 14th and Sluman chipped in from 85 feet at the next. Sluman held his advantage through a comedy of errors at the 17th, where both flirted with the out of bounds, and finally sealed the match with two good shots into the 18th.

Faldo built a three-hole lead in the morning when he was five under par. He had an eagle three at the 12th, where he hit a four-iron to seven feet, and another at the 18th where he chipped in. He began the afternoon by scooting a five iron to within tap-in distance at the 1st. O'Meara helped bring about his own downfall by putting poorly.

Second round
J Sluman (US) bt S Ballesteros (Sp), 2 holes
I Woosnam (Wales) bt J-M Olazábal (Sp), 8 and 7
N Price (Zim) bt G Norman (Aus), retired
N Faldo (Eng) bt M O'Meara (US), 5 and 3

Today
Semi-finals
J Sluman (US) v I Woosnam (Wales) 08.45 and 13.15
N Price (Zim) v N Faldo (Eng) 09.00 and 13.30

Tomorrow
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08.15 and 13.00
Third place play-off
12.00

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Slaven's comeback ruled out by injury

BERNIE Slaven's hopes of making a World Cup comeback with the Republic of Ireland football team have been dashed by injury.

The Middlesbrough forward damaged his ankle in the Coca-Cola Cup tie against Newcastle United on Wednesday night and has withdrawn from the Irish squad for the qualifying game against Denmark in Copenhagen next Wednesday.

Slaven, 31, won the last of his six caps in the draw with Poland in a European championship qualifier at Lansdowne Road in May of last year.

☐ **Montevideo:** Uruguay's professional players yesterday voted to strike in protest over the suspension of two second division clubs because of supporter violence. The action affects international matches.

The vote followed the one-month suspension of Basanez and Villa Teresa after one person died during clashes between rival followers on September 19. Players protested that the punishment, including non-payment of salaries, was unjust.

Wasps to wait for return of Andrew

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ROB Andrew, the England rugby union stand-off half, must serve the statutory eligibility period of 120 days before resuming his competitive career with Wasps. A meeting of England's Senior Clubs Association yesterday decided that Andrew had to be regarded as an overseas player, having played competitive rugby for Toulouse this season, and cannot play league or cup rugby until February.

While this is disappointing for club and player, it will not hinder either unduly. Wasps, the leaders of the first division, did not expect to have Andrew available this season until the announcement that his business career was returning him to London.

"I was basing my mid-season plans on being banned from competitive rugby," Andrew said. "There is plenty of quality rugby for me to play between now and February." He is available from October 31, when Wasps play Cambridge University; there are internationals against Canada and South Africa, a club fixture with Swansea and the possibility of playing for the Barbarians against Australia.

He is eligible for the divisional championship in December and January brings the five nations' championship, so his match fitness, high after seven appearances with Toulouse, is unlikely to drop.

Fitness is, though, a problem for Brian Moore, Andrew's international colleague. Moore damaged chest and shoulder muscles playing for Harlequins at West Hartlepool last weekend and has withdrawn both from his club's league game with London Scottish today and from the international against Canada next weekend.

The England hooker cannot be certain of 100 per cent fitness in time for Wembley, and said yesterday: "The initial improvement to the injury has not been maintained and I didn't want to wait until the last minute. The squad can prepare knowing that the work has been done with the team that will actually play against Canada."

The England squad, which will train at Wolverhampton tomorrow, includes two other hookers: John Olver, Moore's perennial deputy, and the uncapped Kevin Dunn.

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A double fault in the system

THE computer which crunches the ranking numbers for the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) has developed a mind of its own. Earlier in the year, it duly proclaimed that Stefan Edberg had returned to the No. 1 position at the end of a week in which he had suffered the worst defeat of his career — to one Robbie Weiss, ranked 289. This week, the compliment was returned in kind as the Swede, a recent winner of the US Open, was mysteriously demoted from No. 1 to No. 3, behind Jim Courier and Pete Sampras, even though none of the three had hit a ball in anger on the tour for the past three weeks.

The computer, it seems, has got ahead of itself and is knocking off ranking points a week too soon. "It's a trick of the calendar because it's a leap year," a spokesman for the ATP said. So now we know.

Playing away

South Africa's footballers, due to play a World Cup qualifying match against Nigeria today, must be wondering if they were not better off in isolation after a less than ecstatic welcome from their hosts. The team's troubles began when their flight was forced to divert to the Ivory Coast after being refused permission to land. Then, on finally reaching their destination, they were taunted and pelted by local supporters.

Not to be outdone, the South Africans' coach, Stanley "Screamer" Tshabalala, rejected the training facilities offered by the Nigerians and retreated, instead, to the American International School to complete preparations. If the match proves half as competitive as the preliminaries, it promises to be a real bruiser.

ANDREW LONGMORE
Sporting Diary

☐ *The England cricket captain is struggling to be fit for the one-day international at the end of the month. Graeme Gooch, who has bought a villa in the Algarve, was due to lead an XI against the Portuguese national team, but a swelling on his hand has required treatment and his place is in jeopardy. He should, however, be fit for the less taxing task of leading England in India.*

Free enterprise

Hotel owners will throw up their hands in horror. Ove Neilsen has been so imbued with the Olympic spirit he is offering rooms at his Bellevue Sportell, in Lillehammer, free for the duration of the 1994 Winter Olympics. "I don't need the money," Neilsen, who rowed for Denmark at the 1952 Games, said. Others, though, have not taken the hint. The going rate for a room has risen to over £300.

Olympic gains

The International Olympic Committee (IOC), already inundated with applications for membership, now has to consider a request from the American Indians. A group called Union (Unite Now Indian Olympic Nation) will lobby the IOC to allow a native American team to compete in Atlanta in 1996. Union points out that other American territories — Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico, for example — had teams in Barcelona, so why should they not join in? "Little Indian kids have the same Olympic dreams as white kids," says Steve Lopez, of Union. The problem, according to the IOC, is that the native Americans are not a "sovereign state".

Union plans to approach American companies to help fund an Indian Olympic training centre, but their chances of receiving the blessing of the IOC are considered almost as slim as those of the East Grinstead Hash House Harriers, who have applied to Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC, to stage the 2004 Games at the South of England showground in Ardingly, Sussex.

"Ardingly would make a perfect Olympic village," Ian Mabberley, the organiser, said. "We have worked out that it will cost us £356 18s 6d to stage, with estimated profits of £459 million 2s 4d."

Peanuts top draw

What do this unlikely bunch — Charlie Brown, John McEnroe, Steve Davis and Andy Capp — have in common? All appeared, in varying forms, at the charity sports cartoon auction organised by Care this week. Of the 170 cartoons on sale, the highest price of the evening, which raised £30,000 for the charity's relief work in Somalia, was the £700 bid for a Peanuts strip by Charles Schultz. McEnroe was not worth quite so much. A Spitting Image puppet of the former Wimbledon champion fetched £400.

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Secret diary of a Booker prize judge

Victoria Glendinning, chair of the judges, can now reveal the intimate dealings of the jury room — all bar the big one

Captive audience: Victoria Glendinning has spent months curled up with 100 good books in search of the 1992 Booker winner; the result will be known on Tuesday

April 14 1992: First meeting of the Booker judging panel, over lunch in the Elgar Room at the Savile Club, hosted by Martyn Goff [who administers the prize for Book Trust and Booker plc]. I'd met him before, but none of my fellow judges. If there's a London literary mafia, I'm not in it. I didn't meet them all today either. We sat at a round table on green oval-backed chairs. One remained vacant, Mark Lawson never turned up. We ate stuffed vine leaf salad, chicken with asparagus, a kiwi fruit dessert, and got to know each other, sort of.

April 21: Another lunch — at the Groucho Club, organised by Martyn for me to meet Mark Lawson, who has been in Prague, recovering from reporting the election; also it was his birthday. He is one of those people who looks exactly like his photo, so you feel as if you know him even though you don't. He was wearing a rust-red shirt under a navy sweatshirt. Martyn was splendiferous in a silky-sheeny spring suit of self-striped grey, pink shirt with white collar, and cerise tie with multi-coloured balloons. I see that he is a serious dresser.

Martyn said a lot about what makes a good Booker chair and what doesn't. Just casually — but I was meant to take it in, and I did. The good ones, he said, do not plunge in with their own preferences or let themselves become just a member of the panel. They chair. He cited Norman St John-Stevas, as he then was, and Sir Denis Forman as particularly good former chairmen. Well, I could never be remotely like either of them.

June 9: We were at Coolnaclehy [in Ireland] all May, and there was a postal strike. So I only read the novels that arrived before I left. The big parcel I had meant to work through in Ireland only came on the last day. So the pressure now is horrendous. I'm taking notes as I go along, and am categorising the books I've read into three categories: C for "Contender", NC for "Not a Contender", and CBC for "Could be a Contender", which means I could be persuaded into upgrading it.

Today I went to lunch (Lord, what a lot of lunches) in the Booker offices near Victoria station, to meet the chairman, Sir Michael Caine, and the Booker Prize management committee. A very hot day. Martyn (fawn suit) sat on my left. P.D. James twinkled at me from the other side of the table, and Sir Michael was on my right.

Unwisely, I reminded them of the idea I had put to the committee when I was first invited to chair the judges — an all-woman panel. I had thought it could be successful; and good, controversial publicity for Booker. Obviously they'd all thought it a lousy idea.

June 26: I have permanent headache, eyeball ache, insomnia. All day and half the night I read, or try to read, or feel panicked because I'm not reading. It's hard not to make simple readability the number one criterion. I'm scared my critical litmus paper is failing and that I wouldn't recognise genius if I met it. On the other hand, novels that stay in the imagination after this assault course must be seriously good. [...] Every now and then I realise that I have forgotten the purpose and am simply enjoying a book, and that's wonderful.

Possibly in retrospect I'll be glad I took this on, but right now I wish to God I hadn't. It's my own fault. I said yes from curiosity and vanity.

August 19: Back from a month at Coolnaclehy. I think we've had about 100 novels to read in all. When I was Bookering flat out I read one, two or three books every 24 hours, depending on length.

Today we had the "longlist" meeting, at the Groucho. I woke up sick with nerves. First, I went into the bank on Soho Square to get some money from the machine. I put in my card and keyed in the number I know as well as my own name. The little screen said I had entered the wrong number. I knew I hadn't but repeated the process, twice. The third time the screen informed me that I had had my last chance and couldn't use the card any more. I think my electric field was so deranged by anxiety that I was throwing the system. I walked out of the bank leaving behind the carrier bag Aunt Felicity gave me, with all my private notes and personal longlist in it. Went back, sweating. It was still there.

The Bloomsbury Room at the Groucho is painted Venetian red. Christine Shaw [who works for the Book Trust] sat in on the meeting, passing up the books under discussion, and so did Martyn. Today he wore a sheeny damson-coloured suit with a pink and white striped shirt, white collar, dark red tie with a yellow palm-leaf pattern. When I said how nervous I was, all the other judges said so were they. We agreed that it was even worse than an exam — because if we fail we don't fail ourselves, but the novelists. We worked flat out until just before four o'clock, with a break for lunch at the same table — aubergine slices on toast, salmon fishcakes, almond tart. By the end [...] we achieved our longlist.

Iwas a bit bossy and schoolteacherish. Under stress I become sharp-tongued. When Mark expressed concern about having enough women on the list, I was amazed to hear myself saying: "You condescending bastard."

I was so anxious to keep things moving on, we had so many books to discuss. But there was a lot of laughing, which was a bonus, as well as arguing [...] I liked it when Valentine Cunningham said: "I am very interested in Huntley & Palmer biscuits and their role in literature."

When I got home I was so flattened I lay on my bed for three-quarters of an hour, not sleeping, completely inert.

September 9: I'm writing this half an hour before leaving for the shortlist meeting. I've just heard John Walsh on Radio 4 saying who'll be on the list: Barry Unsworth, Rose Tremain, Adam Thorpe. And Blake Morrison apparently thinks that the final contest will be between Unsworth and Michael Ondaatje. How much, behind the amusement at their speculations, am I and the others influenced by what they say, and by reviews? We are constantly pestered by the press. I was tracked down by telephone yesterday when I was in a radio studio in Manchester, by a London journalist wanting a quote.

I've read the longlist books again. Nearly all of them seem better second time around, so they were sound choices. [...] I'm dead nervous, again. I've dressed for this meeting to personify a saggy sofa rather than a hard chair, in a chintzy loose-cover of a jacket bought from the second-hand shop in Kentish Town Road. I just long to ring Martyn saying I am ill and would he chair the meeting.

Later: The meeting was in the small North Library at the Athenaeum, very intimate and secure. Mark Lawson in a suit, with scarlet socks. Martyn, who sat with us at the table, wore a golden tie. We were all tense. With some difficulty, we got the list down to ten before lunch, which was served in the same room. Can't remember a thing we ate. We were a bit hysterical during the lunch break, which Martyn said was par for the course. He is very skilful — you would think that a non-judge at the table with us would seem intrusive, but he isn't. He sits completely still and silent while we all talk our heads off, and only stirs if we turn to him for some procedural advice or information.

After lunch we pared the ten down to eight. [...] But getting the eight down to six was like scraping flesh. [...] The word compromise is often used for the way decisions are reached, but in this case it's quite the wrong word. It's as if there were an invisible sixth judge, "the spirit of the meeting" — and I certainly don't mean Martyn, but some collective entity made up of all the judges.

This evening I'm so exhausted that I can't remember my dentist's name. I think it's Mac-something. I'm trying to get it by reading through every single Mac-anything in the director. This is madness.

September 10: The dentist's name is Cuthbertson. I'm in a towering rage because of the rent-a-sneer coverage of the shortlist in *The Guardian*. Faxed a letter to the editor, and then rang up. They'll print it.

September 24: Today I went to a literary lunch in Birmingham to promote my Trollope book, and sat next to Tim Waterstone. He gave me a friendly tutorial on the strategy of chairing the final meeting. He saw it entirely in terms of making sure that I got the result that I myself wanted. The trouble is that I don't yet know. I sit surrounded by the six novels, and I think about them and I read bits of them for the third time. [...]

Most of what is written about Booker in the press is dead wrong. Where do the hacks get it from? Sitting in the office picking their noses? However, Martyn never seems to mind at all, in spite of giving us pep talks about confidentiality. Maybe his tactic is to keep the pot boiling with rumours and mini-leaks and any old nonsense about Booker, just so that people remember to be interested in the final result.

October 2: Spoke to Mary Sackville-West from *The Late Show*. I'll have to speak to camera at the Guildhall for four minutes, but not characterise the shortlisted novels as a discussion panel will have done that already. So I'm not left with much — apart from announcing the winner. My general comments to the assembled company apparently come later, off-camera.

October 10: I know which one I want to win now. Day of Judgment next Tuesday. What the hell.

DANIEL JOHNSON
Literary editor

THE SHORTLIST

Serenity House, by Christopher Hope: a macabre satire on euthanasia, with echoes of the Holocaust. Max Montfaulcon is pursued from north London to Disneyland.

The Butcher Boy, by Patrick McCabe: Irish black comedy about a teenage misfit whose Ma and Da come to sticky ends, leaving the boy's resentments to fester into violence.

Black Dogs, by Ian McEwan: novel of ideas, grappling with radical evil and embracing 40 years in the lives of the remarkable June and Bernard Tremaine.

The English Patient, by Michael Ondaatje: another meditation on the post-war predicament: four representatives of east and west meet in an Italian villa.

Sacred Hunger, by Barry Unsworth: historical epic which transcends its genre by using mutiny on board a slave ship as a vehicle to indict the capitalist drive for profit.

Daughters of the House, by Michele Roberts: Anglo-French family saga in Normandy, but no *entente cordiale* here as a tale of hidden horrors unfolds.

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Let chaos reign, but give us our day of saturnalia

Hedonists defend Saturday nights and Funday mornings

WEEKEND *voice*

Cindy Blake

And on the sixth day, God created Saturday. Sunday may be the day of rest, on orders from above; but it didn't take Man long to work out that there also needed to be a day of *fun*. The Romans checked out their various gods, picked on Saturn as the party animal of the bunch, and named a day after him.

Every Friday night, living in West London, I watch acres of stationary cars making their vain, lemming-like attempt at a quick escape to the country. Why don't they leave early on Saturday morning and cut their trip in half?

Because they insist on having *all* of Saturday in which to pursue their pleasures. They're even willing to undergo torture-by-M4 in order to keep Saturday sacred. Britons don't much care if Sainsbury's and other Sunday traders flout the traditions of the Sabbath — but try to muscle in on the promise held out by Saturdays, and the nation's collective psyche would rise in rebellion.

Maybe that's why (according to a detective friend) more domestic murders are committed on Saturday than any other day. Contrary to received opinion, the kitchen knives aren't brought out by the excesses of Sunday lunch so much as the frustration of Saturday's high hopes.

Full of expectation that Saturday will salvage a bad week in their relationship, husbands and wives feel fatally cheated when their hopes crumble. Another damn football game interferes with carefully laid plans, or the children run riot after a long week at school... all that longed-for fun fails to materialise, and tempers ignite.

Statistics show that people don't merely kill each other more often on Saturdays; they're also more likely to fall in love. Well, yes, all right, I've made that one up. But if it isn't true, it ought to be.

Dates on a Saturday are much more romantic. On Friday night you're still thinking about your day at work. By Saturday the inhibitions are down. Think of those women we've all seen on Sunday mornings, making their way home dressed in sexy little black numbers and high heels, looking happily abashed. They've had a great time — even better, an *unexpectedly* great time on Saturday night and beyond.

As an American expatriate here, I'd long accepted that British "reserve" is one of those rare cultural descriptions which turn out to be accurate. Then I went to a Saturday afternoon football match in Chelsea. The fans were a collective group of potential mass murderers. Cheer at the wrong moment and you might get knifed. We know that John Major heads straight from Stamford Bridge to Chequers. But what do football hooligans do the rest of the week?

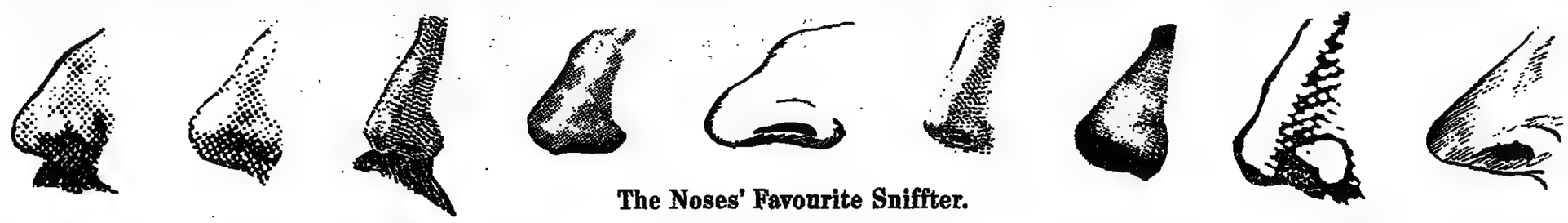
My own Saturdays are wonderfully chaotic. I love having no clue what's going to happen next. Five children aged from nine to 16 are in and out of the house — often with friends — so it's a running scene of mayhem. Much preferring mayhem to the solid weekday domestic routine, I welcome the 250th showing of *The Silence of the Lambs* video, blaring Guns N' Roses tapes, tennis rackets splayed across the kitchen table and chocolate chip ice-cream cartons left, melting, on the radiators.

My husband goes out every Saturday night to play in his club's poker tournament. Some wives might object to this, but I like it. I can watch trashy TV shows without guilt, I can spend hours trying to finish *The Times* crossword puzzle without guilt, I can even go to bed at nine without guilt. It's my evening and I can do what I want.

This particular Saturday I'm going to a dinner party — spouseless, of course. Which, as everybody with a spouse knows, is much more exciting. He won't be sitting there thinking that he's heard that story a million times before. So I can tell my surefire anecdotes without — yes — guilt.

The only problem with Saturdays is that the post is delivered. This should be abolished. Receiving bills on Saturdays is not fun. It's a cramp on the day, a reminder that real life is lurking round the corner of Sunday.

Who sits down and pays bills on Saturdays, anyway? They're the people who should be working on Saturdays. They're temperamentally suited to it.



The Noses' Favourite Sniffter.

The world's only Malt Whisky Trail runs between Grantown-on-Spey and Keith, an area in the Scottish Highlands that covers the greatest concentration of whisky expertise on earth. It was something of an honour, then, to discover from Mr Hugh Graham – who was undertaking research on the subject – that when he asked the production experts (the 'noses' at the distilleries on the Trail): *'Which is your second favourite malt?'* ... they replied almost to a man: 'The Macallan', *and privately admitted it was the one they drank at home.*

The Macallan. The Malt.

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THEATRE

LONDON

ARTISTS AND ADMIRERS: Sylvestra Le Touzel plays a Russian actress spurning a lecherous prince (Christopher Benjamin) in Ostrovksy's affectionate comedy in a new staging by the RSC.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Preview Mon, 7.15pm; opens Tues 7pm; then in repertoire.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ariel Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

Vampish: Chita Rivera in *Kiss of the Spider Woman*

THE DYBBUK: Katie Mitchell's thrillingly convincing Hassidic community where the supernatural presses in on all sides. Joanne Pearce superb as the girl possessed.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Fri, next Sat, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's astonishingly powerful resurrection of Priestley's drama of social responsibilty.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Thurs-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat next Sat, 2.15pm.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common room; matron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney farce with lots of laughs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Chita Rivera is the vamp in Harold Prince's production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on the celebrated play about fantasists in a prison cell.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Previews tonight-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm; opens Oct 20, 7pm.

RADIO TIMES: Tony Slattery as a wartime radio star whose show is heading for disaster. New musical built around Noel Gay's songs such as "Run Rabbit Run" and "Hey, Little Hen".
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-495 5040). Now previewing, eves 7.30pm; opens Thurs, 7pm; then Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4.30pm.

RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET: *The Tempest*, marvellous rock 'n' roll classics. Insanely tacky, cheering stuff.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-379 5299). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm.

THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Terrific performance by Alison Steadman as the raucous slattern in Jim Cartwright's play about dreams, shyness and horrible mothers. The National Theatre production now transfers to the West End.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Opens Wed, 8pm; Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

SQUARE ROUNDS: Science, good or evil? Tony Harrison looks at four famous munition-makers. Largely female cast, good acting but off-puttingly earnest.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Wed-next Sat, 7.15pm, mat next Sat, 2pm.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD: Sheila Hancock heads an excellent cast in Peter Gill's Congreve revival.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Oct 20, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Anthony Clark directs the Steppenwolf adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath*, Steinbeck's powerful epic of "Dustbowl" America.
Birmingham Rep, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs (Oct 22 and 29), 2.30pm; Sat (Oct 24), 3pm.

BRADFORD: The well-named Magnificent Theatre Company on tour with another sprightly revival, Sir Richard Steele's *The Tender Husband*. Dates at Stockton-on-Tees and the Georgian Theatre, Richmond (Yorkshire) follow.
Alhambra Studio, Morley Street (0274 752000). Thurs, Fri 8pm.

LEICESTER: Paul Kenryson directs Russell Dixon as Wilde, the dandy in love with martyrdom in Terry Eagleton's *Saint Oscar*.
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Oct 20, 7.30pm; Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

MOLD: Maris Aitken and Maria Charles in a splendid cast for Coward's *Hay Fever*. Alan Strachan directs. A national tour follows.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Preview Mon, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Tues-Fri 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Oct 21, 28) 2.30pm; Sat, 3pm.

OXFORD: Feydeau's mistaken-identity farce *Chat en Poche* adapted by the fecund Kenneth McLeish, set in Camberwell and retitled *A Pig in a Poke*. Start of Oxford State Company's six-week tour.
Playhouse, Beaumont Road (0865 798600). Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 2.30pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: Love, song and the perils of hypnotism: Nancy Meckler's production of *Trilby and Svengali* for Shared Experience on a ten-week tour.
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Opens Tues, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm; mat Nov 7, 2.30pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: This week at the main theatre a disappointing *Merry Wives of Windsor* (Mon, Tues, 7.30pm), pleasingly acted *As You Like It* (Wed, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm), a so-so *Winter's Tale* (Thurs, Fri, 7.30pm), and a clever *Taming of the Shrew* (mat today, 1.30pm). The plays at the Swan include a thrilling version of Brome's *A Jovial Crew* (Wed, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 1.30pm) and Antony Sher, eye-catching though uncharismatic in *Tamberlaine The Great* (Mon, Tues, 7.30pm).
Royal Shakespeare Theatre and **The Swan** (0789 295623).

Eastern promise: Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company with the world premiere of *Making of Maps* at The Place

FILM

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18): Leos Carax's hymn to Paris and a punk bum's love for a young artist going blind. Terrific in spurts, and a real movie movie. Denis Lavant, Juliette Binoche.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

AS YOU LIKE IT (U): Modern-dress Shakespeare dully staged in a derelict London site. With Andrew Tiernan, Emma Croft; director, Christine Edzard.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

Belle and her beau: a scene from *Beauty and the Beast*

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U): Sumptuous Disney cartoon fairy-tale, blessed with skilled animation and attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broadway musical. Directors, Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

BITTER MOON (18): Sexual games on an ocean liner. Preposterous, turgid escapade from Roman Polanski. Peter Coyote, Hugh Grant, Emmanuelle Seigner.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

BOB ROBERTS (15): Lively spoof documentary about a right-wing folksinger's dirty battle for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Enterprising directorial debut by actor Tim Robbins.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

CARRY ON COLUMBUS (PG): Unwise revival of the series, with mildewed jokes and a cast mostly lacking the old friendly faces. Jim Dale, Maureen Lipman, Sara Crowe; director, Gerald Thomas.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CITY OF JOY (12): American doctor Patrick Swayze rediscovers his calling in Calcutta's slums. Strong on atmosphere; weaker on character and plot. Director, Roland Joffé.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

GAS FOOD LODGING (15): Emotional lives of a waitress and two daughters in New Mexico. Good-looking, well acted. Fairuza Balk, Brooke Adams, Ione Skye; director, Allison Landers.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

HOUSESITTER (PG): Goldie Hawn moves into architect Steve Martin's dream house and poses as his wife. A few bright spots; mostly very trying. Director, Frank Oz.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorbing version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham-Carter. Director, James Ivory.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Phoenix** (081-883 2223).

JUST LIKE A WOMAN (15): Julie Walters falls for her transvestite lodger. Prosaic romantic comedy. With Adrian Pasdar; director, Christopher Monger.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

LILITH (18): Occupational therapist Warren Beatty falls for Jean Seberg's mental patient. Splendid revival of Robert Rossen's singular and beautiful last film (1964).
ICA (071-930 3647).

LOVERS (18): In Franco's Spain, Victoria Abril derails her lodger's intended marriage. Excellent tale of mad love, expertly mounted by director Vicente Aranda.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Minema** (071-235 4225).

OTHELLO (U): Orson Welles's dynamic version of Shakespeare's tragedy, first seen in 1952, now restored. Welles as Othello; Michael MacLiammóir as Iago; dazzling images galore.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SPOTSWOOD (15): Gentle, pleasing Australian comedy, with Anthony Hopkins as an efficiency expert battling with an outdated moccasin factory. Director, Mark Joffe.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-497 9999).

SWOON (18): The Leopold and Loeb murder case, explored from a gay perspective. Highly seductive and stimulating first feature by American video artist Tom Kalin.
Metro (071-437 0757).

UNFORGIVEN (15): Clint Eastwood's mellowed gunman is forced to resurrect his lethal skills. Marvellously resonant, reflective Western. Gene Hackman, Morgan Freeman, Richard Harris.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP (15): Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson as basketball con artists in Los Angeles. Fresh, funny Americana from writer-director Ron Shelton. With Rosie Perez.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

NORWICH FESTIVAL: Highlights of this year's extraordinarily varied programme include tonight's concert by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performing music by Dvořák ("New World" symphony), De Falla, and the eclectic young American composer Michael Torke (St Andrew's Hall, 7.30pm); and Monday's recital by the Smith Quartet of works by Steve Reich, Stephen Montague, Carl Vine and Kevin Volans (UEA Music Centre, 8pm). On Wednesday there is the world premiere of a new work commissioned by the Festival from the Italian composer Franco Donatoni. A setting for voice, flute, clarinet and piano of a poem by Norfolk poet Michael Riviere, it is performed by Italy's Logos Ensemble (Blackfriars Hall, 7.30pm).
Festival Ticket Shop, The Guildhall, Gaol Hill, Norwich (0603 764764), today-next Sun (18).

BALANESCU QUARTET: The Balanescus, for whom Michael Nyman wrote his last two quartets, have just released their second album, *New American Music*. This concert shows the range of the group's repertoire and includes a new piece by former Talking Head David Byrne, and the British premiere of *Chalk* by American post-minimalist Michael Torke.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.45pm.

LONDON WELSH FESTIVAL OF MALE VOICES: A mixed choral programme brings together 900 choristers from Wales, England and America, and leading Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-823 9998), today, 7pm.

OPERA

TOSCA: The distinguished theatre director Michael Blakemore makes his operatic debut with Welsh National Opera's new production of Puccini's melodrama. American soprano Marion Vernette Moore sings the title role; Italian tenor Maurizio Saltarin is Cavaradossi — both singers are making their debut with the company. Carlo Rizzi conducts.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), tonight, 7.15pm. **Apollo Theatre**, George Street, Oxford (0685 244544), Tues, Thurs, 7.15pm.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO: Amanda Holden, responsible for some of the wittiest and most successful English renderings of Mozart operas, has provided a new translation for this Opera North staging, which is directed by Caroline Gavin and designed by Alison Chitty. Conductor Andrew Parrott makes his debut with the company. The cast includes Gerald Finley as Figaro, Jane Leslie MacKenzie and Robert Hayward as the Almavivas, Linda Kitchen as Susanna.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459951/440971), tonight, Tues, Thurs, 7.15pm.

THE MAGIC FLUTE: Nicholas Hytner's lucid and stylish English National Opera production is revived by John Abulafia, with a cast that includes Alan Opie (Papagena) and Gillian Webster (Pamina). Nicholas Kraemer conducts. Sponsored by United Airlines.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7.30pm.

ROCK

THE CHRISTIANS: Slinky pop from the band who always show class in their choice of cover-versions; on their new album, *Happy in Hell*, Gil Scott-Heron's "Bottle" gets the soul treatment.
Corn Exchange, Cambridge (0223 357851), Tues, 6.45pm. **Symphony Hall**, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Wed, 7pm. **Royal Concert Hall**, Glasgow (041-227 5511), Thurs, 6.30pm. **City Hall**, Newcastle (091-261 2606), Fri, 7pm.

MUDHONEY: Grand-daddies of heavy guitar grunge.
Academy, Manchester (061-275 2930), tomorrow, 8pm. **Polytechnic**, Newcastle (091-232 8761), Mon, 8pm. **University**, Liverpool (051-709 4322), Wed, 8pm. **Hummingbird**, Birmingham (021-236 4236), Thurs, 8pm. **University**, Cardiff (0222 396 421), Fri, 8pm.

HAPPY MONDAYS: Their latest album, *...Yes Please!*, shows songwriter Shaun Ryder in a more contemplative mood.
De Montfort Hall, Leicester (0533 544444), today, 7pm. **Free Trade Hall**, Manchester (061-236 7110), tomorrow, 7pm. **City Hall**, Newcastle (091-261 2606), Tues, 7pm. **Barrowlands**, Glasgow (041-552 4601), Wed, 7pm.

PAUL WELLER: Formerly of The Jam and Style Council, Weller is making a come-back.
Albert Hall, London SW7 (071-589 8212), Tues, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

GIL SCOTT-HERON: The influential jazz pianist and poetic funkster sets off on a huge tour.
NIA Centre, Manchester (061-227 9254), today, 8pm. **Leadmill**, Sheffield (0742 754 500), tomorrow, 8pm. **Riverside**, Newcastle (091-261 4386), Tues, 7.30pm. **Arena**, Middlesborough (0642 251 854), Wed, 7.30pm. **Central Hall**, Liverpool (051-709 4435), Thurs, 7.30pm. **The Event**, Brighton (0273 732 627), Fri, 9pm.

DAVE BRUBECK: Best known for Paul Desmond's "Take Five", this sophisticated pianist and composer appears with his quartet.
Town Hall, Birmingham (021-236 2392), tomorrow, 7.15pm. **Free Trade Hall**, Manchester (061-236 7110), Mon, 6.30pm. **Usher Hall**, Edinburgh (031-228 1155), Wed, 8pm. **City Hall**, Glasgow (041-227 5511), Thurs, 8pm.

JIMMY GIUFFRE/PAUL BLEY/STEVE SWALLOW: Reedsman Giuffre, restless pianist Bley and distinctive bass player Swallow are reunited after 30 years for their first UK tour.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7.45pm. **The Junction**, Cambridge (0223 412600), Fri, 8pm.

EVENINGS OUT

JANE PACKER ROYAL FLORIST

❝ I'd like to see *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice* which is about to transfer from the National to the Aldwych. Orso, one of my favourite restaurants, is nearby so I'd go there for a meal. I wanted to see it mainly because of Alison Steadman. I think she's brilliant. I'll always remember her in the television play *Abigail's Party*. A friend of mine has the video, and it always comes out late at night. It's almost too close for comfort, because I grew up in quite a similar environment. I'd love to see Paul Weller at the Albert Hall on Tuesday. I'm not interested in his politics. It's his music I like. He's always been slightly off-beat — not a hip designer clothing type. I'd be interested to see if *Carry On Columbus* with Rik Mayall and Julian Clary matches up to the old *Carry On* films. They were classics, so corny but so funny. ❞

DANCE

DANCE UMBRELLA: This year's festival of contemporary dance is opened by the **Siobhan Davies Company**, which is presenting two London premieres as part of its Riverside season: *White Bird Featherless*, set to music by the Irish composer Gerald Barry, and *Make Make*, set to a vocal score that incorporates the sounds of Inuit game songs, Pygmy polyphonies and Celtic funeral songs. On Friday, the **Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company** presents the world premiere of *Making of Maps*, a double bill of two new works created by Jeyasingh, Britain's most innovative Indian dance choreographer.
The month-long festival, at venues around London and on tour countrywide, is offering more than 20 dance companies from America, Europe and Britain.
Siobhan Davies: Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (081-748 3354). Wed-next Sat, 7.45pm. **Shobana Jeyasingh:** The Place Theatre, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031). Fri-next Sat, 8pm.

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: The company presents the European premiere of *Motorcade*, a work made by the trendy American choreographer Mark Morris for Baryshnikov's White Oak Project in 1990. *Motorcade*, performed to Saint-Saens's *Septet*, is the first Morris work to enter the repertoire of a British company.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade, Plymouth (0752 267222), Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2pm.

EXHIBITIONS

WISDOM AND COMPASSION: THE SACRED ART OF TIBET: More than 160 rare paintings, sculptures and tapestries are brought together for this huge and accessible new show of Tibetan art dating from the 9th-century. Supported by *The Times*, Silhouette and Vistech/Rebab.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Dec 13.

Tibetan art: Padmapani, The Hermitage (see above)

RICHARD SERRA CANVAS DRAWINGS: The sculptor has been making "canvas drawings" for 20 years in the margins of his major sculptural work. They are made out of Belgian linen, covered with thick layers of black paintstick, and cut to shape as required on site. This show constitutes Britain's first opportunity to see this side of Serra's work, and coincides with the exhibition of the large new forged steel sculpture, "Weight and Measure", created specifically to take up the whole of the Duveen Gallery at the Tate.
Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (071-402 6075). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Nov 15. **Weight and Measure:** Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until Jan 17 1993.

JUAN GRIS: The one leading figure of the Cubist period not yet collected together for reassessment, Gris (1887-1927) is finally given a major retrospective of some 60 paintings and 30 drawings. This engrossing show concentrates on his sensuous Cubist work.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 5015). Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm), until Nov 29. Free admission on Tues.

THE ART OF ANCIENT MEXICO: A selection of the finest Mexican art with the earliest exhibits dating from ten centuries before Christ. Although the show coincides with the Columbus Quincentenary, it celebrates a civilisation quite different from the culture imposed on Mexico by Spain, with exhibits ranging from austere statues of gods and goddesses to animal pieces.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3144). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed, 8pm), until Dec 6.

ALLAN RAMSAY 1713-1784: Ramsay is one of those artists who constantly impress with one or two pictures in mixed shows of British portraiture, and are always predicted to emerge enhanced from a much-needed retrospective. Now that retrospective is here, transferred from Edinburgh, and visitors will be able to judge for themselves, comparing his Edinburgh period with his London period (as court painter to George III).
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (071-306 0055). Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, 10-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm. Opens Fri until Jan 17, 1993.

SALEROOMS

WEDNESDAY: Beame's Torquay sale begins with some highly important furniture from Bridwell at Uffculme, Devon. The best pieces were supplied by Seddon, Sons & Shackleton during the 1790s and come with their original invoices. A rare and lavishly inlaid marketry "envelope" card table is estimated up to £50,000, and 12 mahogany hall chairs at up to £20,000. The sale also includes collectors' items, clocks and works of art. 10am and 1.30pm. At 11am in Glasgow Christie's offer football memorabilia, and Phillips Scotland have a sale of Art Nouveau, decorative arts and studio ceramics.
Beame's, Rainbow Avenue Road, Torquay (0803 296277). **Christie's**, 164/6 Bath Street, Glasgow (041-332 8134). **Phillips**, 207 Bath Street, Glasgow (041-221 8377)

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY: Sotheby's sale of Impressionist to contemporary paintings, drawings, sculpture and ceramics may provide some sort of thermometer to take the temperature of the middle market, Wednesday 10.30am and 2.30pm and Thursday at 11am.
Sotheby's, New Bond Street, London W1 (071-493 8080).

THURSDAY: Christie's South Kensington have a maritime sale which begins with a special copy of *Flags and Signals of All Nations* (up to £500) and runs on to paintings, by way of a US diver's helmet (up to £800), and ship models such as a Napoleonic prisoner of war boxwood 94-gun ship of the line in an elaborate case (up to £15,000).
Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611).

BOOKINGS

LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Mariss Jansons, the Latvian-born conductor was recently appointed, principal guest conductor of the London Philharmonic succeeding Kurt Masur. Leningrad-trained, Jansons has made his name with the St Petersburg Philharmonic and his own orchestra, the Oslo Philharmonic (which he conducts at the Barbican). For his next LPO concert he conducts a programme of Strauss, Mozart and Weber.
Barbican Hall, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Nov 10, 11. **Festival Hall**, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Nov 28.

LOST IN YONKERS: Maureen Lipman stars in the British premiere of Neil Simon's Tony award-winning drama which is still running on Broadway. Two young boys are dumped with their tyrannical grandmother and emotionally arrested aunt in Yonkers, New York.
Theatre Royal, Newcastle (091-232 2061), Oct 12-17. **Richmond Theatre**, Richmond (081-940 0088), Oct 19-24. **Alexandra Theatre**, Birmingham (021-633 3325), Oct 26-31. **Theatre Royal**, Bath (0225 448844), Nov 2-7. **Aldwych Theatre**, London WC2 (071-836 6404), previews Nov 10, 11; opens Nov 12.

OUR SONG: Peter O'Toole returns to the stage to star in Keith Waterhouse's stage version of his best-selling novel *Our Song* which reunites the team behind *Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell*. O'Toole plays a married advertising executive who falls hopelessly and violently in love with a much younger woman.
Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 448844), Oct 13-24. **Apollo Theatre**, London W1 (071-494 5070), previews from Oct 28; opens Nov 3.

ROYAL BALLET: The Christmas season at Covent Garden offers a new production of *The Tales of Beatrix Potter*, a stage transfer of Ashton's cosy 1971 film, in an Ashton double bill including *The Dream* (opens Dec 4). Joining the repertoire a bit later in the season will be the full-length ballet *Cinderella* (opens Dec 23).
Royal Opera House, London WC2 (071-240 1066).

MEAN FIDDLER: Harlesden's showcase venue for rock music celebrates its tenth anniversary in November inviting back some of its past successes: Green on Red (3), John Martyn (4), Christy Moore (5), The Pogues (6), Milltown Brothers (12), Belly (16), Chieftains (17), Davy Spillane (18), Fatima Mansions (19), Blue Aeroplanes (22), Mary Coughlan (24, 25) and The Sawdoctors (30).
Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (081-961 5490).

VIDEO

THE DOCTOR (Touchstone, 12): Callous surgeon (William Hurt) goes under the knife and becomes a better person. Familiar enough material, but lively treatment from the cast and director Randa Haines. 1991.

NOSFERATU (Alkman Archives, PG): F.W. Murnau's classic version of Bram Stoker's Dracula novel: creaky in parts, but illuminated by the director's visual sense and the cadaverous presence of Max Schreck's Count Orlok. 1922.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (MGM, U): Fortieth anniversary video edition of MGM's exuberant musical about the early days of talkies. Great period songs, dizzy dancing, ruthless wit. Plus the original trailer, a documentary, and material cut from the release print. 1952.

VAN GOGH (Artificial Eye, 12): No ear gets sliced: Maurice Pialat's masterly portrait of the painter's last months concentrates on interior struggles. Unfussily mounted, with an acute sense of place, and a fine performance from Jacques Dutronc. 1991.

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Ian Brunskill; **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine; **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **Video:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Kan Knight; **Salerooms:** Huon Mallalieu

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Milk of human kindness for a little white bull

Faced with a premature calf too weak to stand and be suckled by its mother, I had no option but to grasp the cow by the udder and take her life-giving first flow of enriched milk. You may remember that last week Sage, our British White cow, was found early one morning on the meadow with a floppy bundle at her feet. At first glance I thought it was dead, but it breathed with a chesty rasp and its brave heart pumped fiercely. It was clear, however, that if this calf was to live it needed that which only its mother could provide and, since it was unable to help itself, I was going to have to intervene.

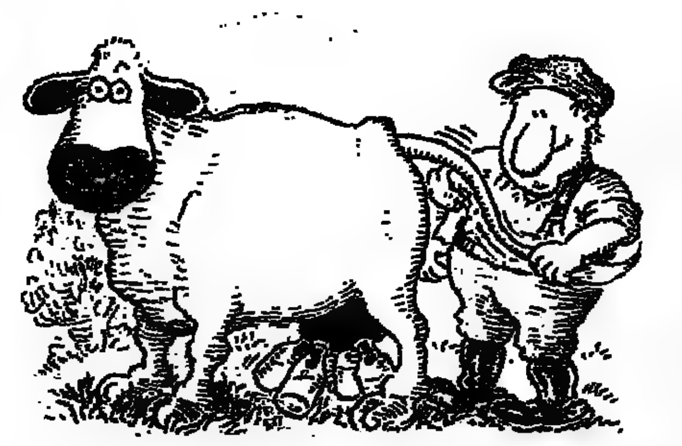
I have never milked a cow before and all the written words on the subject make depressing reading for a novice. *The Standard Cyclopaedia of Modern Agriculture* (1924) states: "No operation on the farm requires more knack and concentration of attention and

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

nervous energy than the art of milking." Believe me, there was no lack of nervous energy as, with plastic bucket in hand, I leant gingerly forward and grasped Sage's black teat, hoping she was sufficiently distracted by a bucket of rolled oats I had placed before her. I grabbed hold. The teat was warm, silky, pliable. The wise old cow glanced round with a look in her eyes I took to mean: "Don't start something you can't finish, boy."

Cows have it in them to thwart any milker if they so wish. They have a let-down mechanism which, if triggered, allows the milk to flow. If they are not minded to switch on, no amount of pulling and tugging will produce the merest drop. So I pulled just to see what happened, and nothing did. I squeezed my thumb and first finger round the top of the teat and yanked it downwards. The agitated cow side-stepped in my direction and I slithered painfully backwards on to the ground. I bundled myself back on to the stool, grasped again, and she kicked. I gave four or five more pulls, but no milk. The closed sign had gone up on the udder.

Then, in an inspired move, I hauled the little white bull calf on to its wobbly legs and gently dragged it to where its mother was tethered. You could sense the old cow changing her mind. She became calm, almost dreamy. She licked the calf, licked the oats in the manger and then, with a lash of her vast tongue, spread them over the calf's little head. Sensing my luck had changed, I grasped again and nearly cried with joy when I was rewarded with the merest glob of creamy yellow milk in the bottom of the bucket. It was a meagre half teaspoonful, and the vet said the calf needed a massive two pints. But it was a start.



This painfully slow extraction went on for three days. In between milkings, I studied the books and improved my technique from the crude grasping and pulling to a more ordered and gentle sequence of finger movements, like a clarinet player practising scales. I was told that one should "cup one's little finger like a duchess, and squeeze like a…", but annoyingly they could not remember the rest.

I developed the muscular handshake of a wrestler after two hours' daily finger movements. But the rewards were great as slowly the thick, globby, creamy colostrum, known as "beastings", crept up the the bucket. I would pause from milking, fill the bottle and feed the calf while the milk was warm, then back to the udder for another finger-aching session. I read that the last flow of milk, known as the "stroakings", was the richest.

Slowly the weak calf grew stronger. Each bottleful had the effect of petrol on a spluttering engine. On the second day he was strong enough to raise his head, and by day four he could balance, but not move from the spot. On day five, just as I was thinking I might master this milking business, I decided the time was right for the calf to assume his natural role. I milked a pint and gave him half from the bottle. Then I hauled him to his feet and took him to his mother. I squeezed a teat and squirted milk on to his lips. I plugged the teat into his mouth. Nothing happened. He stood like a bewildered child with an over-sized gob-stopper. Then, with one joyful movement of his tongue, he sucked and swallowed.

There has been no happier time on this farm. For a week we have fought for that little calf's survival and so, happier than I have been for a long time, I went back to the house with milking bucket in hand, made a cup of tea, poured a drop of the precious milk into it, and toasted his continued good health.

Outdoor stamp collectors

Kenneth Young on letter-boxing, a hobby that takes walkers all over Dartmoor in search of elusive ink pads

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Gaining their good-walk stamp: Pat Reid, from Maynard School, Exeter, with pupils Caroline and Helen Falla and Katherine Lewis

If you crossed a *Times* crossword with an orienteering course you would get something like the curious quest known as Dartmoor letter-boxing. This cult has now caught the imagination of public schools, university clubs and army regiments, as well as thousands of families let loose on southwest England's last great wilderness.

The great outdoors hardly sounds the place to go stamp-collecting, but that is what letter-boxing involves. The challenge is to find secret caches hidden on the moor, each of which is supplied with a visitors' book, a pen, a rubber stamp and an ink pad, so that those who succeed in their hunt can leave their mark, collect the letter box's stamp, and prove they have been there.

Letter-boxing could be said to have started in 1854 when James Perrott, a Dartmoor guide from Chagford, placed a bottle at Cranmere Pool, a bleak and remote bog in the centre of the moor which is still hard to reach today. In Perrott's day getting there involved seven miles of moor walking and bog-hopping, so making the trip was an achievement worth boasting about.

Perrott invited walkers he had guided to the place to leave their visiting cards in his bottle. Later the bottle was replaced with a small tin box in a cairn, and later still with a visitors' book and a rubber stamp, so people could provide themselves with a souvenir of their visit.

It would be exaggeration to say that the idea caught on quickly, but despite the risks of vandalism and the weather, it persisted. In 1888 the Dartmoor enthusiast and writer William Crossing attested that cards placed in the Cranmere Pool tin box survived there for years.

After the first visitors' book was put in place in 1905, it was signed by more than 600 hikers in the first nine months. The next year there were nearly 1,000 signatures, and in 1908 1,741 more pilgrims checked in. In 1921 the late Duke of Windsor, as Prince of Wales, gave the pool visitors' book a royal autograph.

Another letter box was placed at Belstone Tor in 1894 and in 1938 a group of Plymouth walkers clubbed together to set up a third, in memory of William Crossing, at Duck's Pool, a boggy hollow near the head of the river Plym. By 1976 a souvenir guide map appeared showing 15 letter boxes on the moor.

Since then letter-boxing has really taken off. There are now about 2,000 boxes, placed not only by organised groups but also by individual enthusiasts, one of whom has set himself the target of boxing every tor on the moor (about 200 in all).

Some of the earliest examples have made it on to Ordnance Survey maps, but most are thoroughly hidden.

Those who put out letter boxes abide by a code of conduct agreed with the National Park authorities and the Dartmoor Commoners' Association. The boxes are never placed in any antiquity, nor near any of Dartmoor's 5,000 or so neolithic hut circles, hundreds of burial cairns and barrows, 70 stone rows, or the dozen moorland circles of standing stones. All kinds of buildings, walls, and ruins such as tinners' and peatcutters' huts are off limits, as are potentially dangerous sites.

Marks of intrigue: stamps are home-made or professionally moulded

The typical letter box nowadays is likely to be a Tupperware sandwich box, a plastic ice-cream carton, or an army surplus ammunition box, cunningly concealed under a boulder, in a rock-cleft, beneath a tree root or in a streambank hole. Finding them is a matter of working out clues, following compass bearings, reading maps, and in many cases knowing the stories and legends of Dartmoor.

Asking fellow searchers to show you the whereabouts of a box is frowned upon, though everyone resorts to it when desperation sets in. It certainly helps to spy on other hunters, or to look for the scuffed patches of turf which identify much-visited sites. Each box has its stamp, home-made or professionally moulded, and many are intriguing and idiosyncratic. So are the personal stamps the hunters use to leave their record of having successfully unearthed their quarry.

Theoretically one is supposed to collect 100 letter-box stamps before qualifying for membership of the 100 Club and a copy of the published *Catalogue of Dartmoor Letterboxes*, which offers cryptic clues and navigational aids to locating the rest.

There are already about 9,000 members of the 100 Club. On the last Sunday in October, between 10am and midnight, about 2,000 keen letter-boxers will attend the hobby's biannual meet, in the Dartmoor Prison Officers' Social Club at Princetown. At least half of them will buy copies of the latest revision of the letter box catalogue (£4.95).

For those who are so keen that the annual update does not suffice, the letter-boxers also have their own regular newsletter which comes out fortnightly.

"The amount of pleasure that families and friends derive from letter-boxing is simply tremendous," says Godfrey Swinscow, the club secretary.

● *Books on letter-boxing include* Dartmoor Letterboxes *by Anne Swinscow and* 101 Letterboxes *by John Hayward, £3.95 each and both published by Kirkford Publications, Cross Farm, Diptford, Totnes, Devon. Queries about the 100 Club and the catalogue (£4.95 plus 70p postage) should be sent to Godfrey Swinscow at the same address. The newsletter (20p plus s.a.e. for each issue) is obtainable from Tony Moore, 25 Sanderspool Close, South Brent, Devon, TQ10 9LR.*

Feather report

Residents rug up for winter

Wood warblers and chiffchaffs, blackcaps and garden warblers… all have gone to the warm shores of the Mediterranean or beyond. The leaves fall and the woods empty of the summer songbirds. We are left with our sturdy residents, hunting for what insects and chrysalids remain, or turning to seeds and nuts for their food.

Some woodland birds stay all through the winter, defending their territories against rivals and singing to warn off intruders. That is why wrens are still singing this month in the crumbling bracken, and robins in the thinning branches above.

Nuthatch: eats with the invader

Recently there has been much fighting, displaying and aggressive singing as young birds have tried to carve out a patch of woodland for themselves; and on the coldest winter days, the songs of the robin and wren will still ring out in challenge.

But other small woodland birds flock for the winter. Rather than each guarding its own half-acre of food supplies, the birds hunt together, and if one stumbles on a cache of beechmast or a concentration of spiders, they all benefit.

The titmice dominate these winter flocks. Walking through a silent wood, one suddenly hears a murmur of thin calls and more explosive oubursts. A moment later the nearby trees are full of tiny, flitting shapes — a tit flock on the move.

Long-tailed tits look like flying teaspoons as they pass, constantly muttering, from tree to tree. Coal tits dive, flutter up, hover among the twigs. Blue tits hang upside-down to get at an insect concealed beneath a branch. Great tits drop to the ground to turn over leaves.

All these species join up in the flocks in the daytime, though they may separate at dusk. On a very cold night, for instance, long-tailed tits will roost packed together in one feathery ball in an evergreen.

But other species also join the tits. Goldcrests like to accompany them. Tree-creepers climb like mice up the tree trunks, with the tits feeding round them in the branches.

A few species have a third way of life. The marsh tit stays in its territory, and may fight off another solitary marsh tit that is trying to occupy part of it. But when a mixed flock passes through, it will join the invaders and feed with them.

The nuthatch does the same. A long, loud whistle generally proves to be a nuthatch, and it also has a much-used call that sounds like a stone bounced across the ice on a lake. When one nuthatch starts calling like this, others join in until the wood sounds like Morse code.

Sparrow hawks sweep along the woodland paths, or in and out of the trees, and then the flocks — especially the long-tailed tits — break into shrill cries of alarm. But calm returns. Soon the characteristic sound of an English winter wood can be heard: the sound of a tit flock feeding contentedly.

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Dance until dawn with the beasts of the night

BUSH TELEGRAPH

Simon Barnes

Wild nightlife: the hyenas, with their shrill whoop, cover endless miles after dark, up to no good

People go on holiday for the nightlife. I am emphatically of their number. As I continue to stay here in the Luangwa valley in Zambia, I find the nightlife of this busy metropolis more and more seductive.

There are those who object to noisy neighbours, but a true devotee of nightlife delights in fellow-feeling: another late-night reveller; another person out on the spree, making a beast of himself.

Mchenja camp sits on the banks of the Luangwa river, far from the sounds of man. We have none of your electricity nonsense here, no throb of a generator to disturb the cacophony of the African night.

The night floods towards you. Every night I have heard lions. The true lion roar is not the half-hearted snarl we know from Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer movies, it is an altogether stranger and wilder sound, caught half-way between a belch and a clap of thunder.

The river intensifies the sound: you can hear a lion five miles away. It is a greeting, an announcement of presence, an acclamation of a pride's home range. Some put it as: "My country. My country. Mine. Mine."

But the real spine-tingler is the hyena. The shrill whoop has a quality that penetrates dreams. The famous laugh is reserved for social occasions: hyenas on a kill giggle like hysterical schoolgirls.

The birds call through the night, an unceasing delight that tempts you to postpone sleep indefinitely. My favourite is the wood owl, which seems to ask: "Now then, whooo's a naughty boy?"

But my favourite is the Pel's fishing owl, a massive bundle of tangerine feathers. The adults give a deep boom; the immatures are even better. The call was famously described as a "lost soul falling down the bottomless pit".

When the night turns charcoal grey, the ground hornbills start their didgeridoo duet. These are monsters the size of turkeys, with a 2ft bill like a meat cleaver. When the ground hornbills start, it is time for the day shift to clock on.

At the crack of every dawn, the fish eagle screams out its presence, and will brook no refusal. At once, I am out of bed and ready for a morning's stroll through the bush. The day rolls on: soon it will be time to revel in the nightlife again.

Ah, the bright lights of Luangwa. The Land Cruiser carries a high-powered spotlight and most nights we drive out to see which beasts are enjoying the night. It is the eyes that give them away, reflecting the beam. It is hard to see birds this way; only nightjar have reflecting eyes. Other creatures create odd illusions: at one spot on the riverbank you seem to be looking down on a city at night. The eyes of a hundred crocs glare at the light.

Lumbering hippos catch the beam and back away in embarrassment. They emerge from the water to feed every night. Dozing antelopes stare nervously at the light. But the carnivores do not give a damn.

Leopards hunt, shrinking mysteriously through the thickets. Lions prowl. Hyenas cover endless miles every night, up to no good. I have a special affection for genets: gorgeous little cat-like creatures with spotty, pouty little faces. They are related to mongooses rather than cats and they consume anything from guinea fowl to nectar. There is no more splendid sight to a connoisseur of Luangwa nightlife than a genet enjoying a banquet of flowers.

Every night, the nightlife is uproarious. But when the fish eagle calls the next morning, I bound from my bed without resentment. Another night on the tiles: another hangover-free morning. Really quite extraordinary.

● *Simon Barnes is staying with Savannah Trails at the Luangwa National Park, Zambia.*

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Exotic fare exchange

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, suggests a mix of old-world dishes and new-world flavours from South America

CARTAGENA, on Colombia's Caribbean coast, is as good a place as any from which to contemplate the exchange of foodstuffs between the old world and the new. In the 16th century, the city was the bustling cosmopolitan centre of the Spanish Main. It was from here that the first cargo of potatoes left for Europe in 1547: they were grown on the *sabana*, the flat, high plains in the Andes. Today *sabanero* cooking is very much based on corn and potatoes, while the *costeno* food relies on plantain and yucca, which grow on the tropical coastline.

I loved the food in Bogotá and Quito, partly because I felt it was so adaptable to my own kitchen. One Friday night, I went shopping with a friend in the Carullo supermarket in Bogotá, and it did not feel very different from Friday-night shopping here: a bright, well-stocked, spacious shop with its own bakery, fish and meat counters and an impressive array of vegetables — four kinds of plantain and three grades of *papa criolla*, which is a yellow-fleshed potato, for frying, boiling and general use. There were several other varieties of potatoes, including one which is a new hybrid of a Scottish variety crossed with a Colombian potato.

We can now find sufficient variety in our own potatoes to cook Colombia's favourite dish, the *ajiaco*, which I highly recommend. I love to serve it at home, a perfect dish for six to eight people, served straight from the pot. It is an ancient recipe, part of Colombia's "three stone cooking", as my Colombian friend, Ettica, described it — three stones, a fire and a cooking pot, into which was put whatever was native to the region: shellfish, chicken or river fish, depending on whether you were in Caribe, Bogotá or Tolimena province. Then a handful of herbs or wild greens would be added, and the stew would be bulked out with the local staple, potatoes and corn in the highlands, yucca and plantain on the coast.

The first recipe is not from Colombia but Ecuador, *llapingachos montadoes sin carne*, which I ate in La Choza, a lovely restaurant in Quito. *Caldo de patas*, calf's-foot soup with peanuts and white corn, and *empanadas de morocho*, small cheese-filled turnovers, would usually complete the meal. With it, I drank a fermented corn wine, *chicha de morocho*. I do not have a recipe for this, but there is a very good Colombian drink with which to begin a party South American-style called *cannelazo*, a type of hot punch. For each person, put a glass of water in a saucepan with a small piece of cinnamon stick. Simmer for ten minutes, and then add a measure of aguardente and a teaspoon of lemon juice. Serve hot in glasses with sugar-frosted rims.

After hefty meat dishes, a platter of tropical fruits is light, refreshing and colourful. I would serve slices of papaya and mango with some wedges of lime. Custard apples, maracuya, grenadillas, pitahayas and passion fruit need no preparation, just a sharp knife and a spoon to scoop out the flesh. Physallis does not need even that.

Llapingachos
(potato and cheese cakes)
(makes 16-20 small cakes, 6-8 larger)
2lb/900g floury potatoes
salt, pepper
2oz/60g butter
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
2tbsp olive oil
¼lb/110g coarsely grated hard cheese, such as Jarlsberg, Gruyère or Cheddar

Peel, boil and mash the potatoes with salt, pepper and half the butter. Fry the onion in half the olive oil until soft and golden. Allow to cool slightly and then mix with the cheese. Form the potatoes into small patties and bury some of the cheese and onion mixture in the centre. Heat the remaining butter and olive oil in a frying pan and fry the cakes on both sides until golden brown. Serve small potato cakes as hot appetisers with the drinks.

Llapingachos as a main course

To make this into a substantial lunch or supper dish for six to eight, make larger cakes, and top each one with a fried egg. Serve with a little peanut sauce and some ripe sliced avocado.

Peanut sauce
1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
1½oz/40g butter or olive oil
1tbsp chopped green pepper
2 ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
4tbsp crunchy peanut butter
4-6tbsp water
salt, pepper

Gently fry the onion in the butter, and when it is soft add the pepper and tomatoes. Cook until soft and then stir in the peanut butter; allow it to melt, and then add enough water to thin to a sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Fresh coriander leaves make an appropriate garnish. Those who like its spiciness might wish to chop and cook fresh chilli with the green pepper and tomatoes. *Llapingachos* are also made with a meat filling, a spicy, cooked meat mixed with the onion instead of the cheese.

Ceviche
(served raw for 4-6)
1lb/455g skinned white fish
1 mild onion, or 2-3 shallots, peeled and thinly sliced
1-2 small green chillies
1-2 small red chillies
juice of 2 limes
sea salt, white pepper
fresh coriander leaves
2-3 firm but ripe tomatoes

Rinse and dry the fish, slice it into thin strips and put in a glass bowl or other non-reactive container. Mix in the onion. Halve the chillies and discard the seeds. Cut into thin strips and add to the fish. Squeeze on the lime juice, add salt and pepper and some shredded coriander. Stir well, cover, and refrigerate for four to six hours. The mixture can be made up to 24 hours in advance. When ready to serve, peel, seed and dice the tomatoes and serve the ceviche in individual bowls, with a spoonful of tomato and a sprig of fresh coriander.

Ajiaco
(serves 6-8)
4-5lb/1.8-2.3kg chicken
2 large onions, peeled and quartered
handful of coriander sprigs
5pt/2.85l water
1½lb/680g soft cooking potatoes, peeled and thickly sliced
1½lb/680g firm potatoes, peeled and sliced
1lb/455g small waxy salad potatoes, scrubbed and halved, or left whole if very small
bunch of watercress, leaves only
3-4 sweetcorn cobs
chilli powder to taste
salt to taste

Rinse and dry the chicken, and remove any cavity fat. Put it in a large saucepan with the onion, coriander sprigs and water. Add more water if necessary to cover the chicken. Bring to the boil, remove any scum from the surface, cover, and simmer gently for 15 minutes. Add the soft cooking potatoes and cook for a further 25-30 minutes. Remove the coriander and onion and discard. Take out the chicken, and put to one side. Put in the rest of the potatoes and cook for 15-20 minutes until the first batch is quite soft enough for you to break up with a fork and the other two kinds of potato are still firm but cooked.

Meanwhile, remove the meat from the chicken carcase. Add the chilli powder and watercress to the pan with the corn cobs, each cut into three or four pieces, and bring to the boil. Put in the chicken meat and simmer for about five minutes until the corn is tender. Ladle into deep soup bowls and serve very hot.

The traditional accompaniments for *ajiaco*, served in separate bowls for each to help themselves, are thick yoghurt or cream, capers, chopped parsley and *aji* (a hot sauce of finely chopped spring onion or leek, tomato, fresh chillies and fresh coriander leaves, mixed with lime juice or vinegar). Each person is also served a half avocado, peeled and sliced on to a side plate. The herb guasca is added to the authentic version. I have bought it dried in Bogotá and Manhattan but not in Britain. Watercress has the right flavour to make it a good substitute.

THE next recipe is a good one to keep for Hallowe'en if you plan to make a pumpkin lantern. Beef and more beef as well as sweet potatoes goes into this dish from Argentina. You could bake the pumpkin shell in the oven and serve the stew in it.

Puchero
(serves 8-10)
2lb/900g beef brisket
1½lb/680g rolled beef rib
½lb/230g Toulouse or other well-seasoned sausage, cut into 1in/2.5cm pieces
¼lb/110g salt pork or bacon, diced
1 celery stalk, trimmed
1 leek, trimmed
salt, pepper
1 bay leaf
2 parsley stalks
¾lb/340g chickpeas, soaked and parboiled
water to cover
4 carrots, peeled and sliced
2-3 sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
1lb/455g pumpkin, peeled and diced
1 onion, peeled and chopped
3 sweetcorn cobs, each cut across into 4 chunks
chopped fresh parsley

Put the meats, celery and leek, salt, pepper, bay leaf, parsley, chickpeas and enough water to cover in a large saucepan or casserole. Bring to the boil, skim off any foam, cover and simmer until the meat is cooked. Add the vegetables, except the corn, cook for a further 20 minutes or so, add the corn cobs and cook for 5-10 minutes more. Scatter with chopped parsley; serve.

DIANA LEADBEATER

Queer gear: quince

Yellow, waxy skin with a faint grey down on it, large, knobbly, slightly pear-shaped, the quince is one of our most delightful and rewarding fruits (*Frances Bissell writes*). It is worth having one or two in a fruit bowl for their scent alone; our grandmothers once used them to scent the linen cupboard.

Quince is one of the few fruits not eaten raw. Even when fully ripe, the fruit is extremely hard and dry and fairly astringent. The quince is most often used to make cornelian coloured jellies and sweetmeats. In Portuguese the word for quince is *marmelo*, and the fruit is made into *marmelada* — our marmalade, a thick fruit paste which is marvellous at breakfast with rolls or lightly toasted bread.

I buy quinces from my local greengrocer. I slice a few into an apple pie for extra depth of flavour. I keep some to cut up and put inside a chicken or guinea fowl while it is roasting. The rest I use to make a quince and onion compote, which I flavour with cardamom and serve with game or poultry dishes. To make it, I peel, core and chop the quinces, and cook with a little water until soft. Meanwhile, I peel, chop and fry onions until wilted, and then add the quince, together with crushed cardamom seeds, some brown sugar and wine vinegar, and cook to a jammy consistency. It can be served hot or cold, and will keep like chutney if enough sugar and vinegar is used to preserve it.

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Warm glow for winter

The recession is uncorking a better wine deal, Jane MacQuitty reports

Which of the big, beefy October reds, the first of the warming winter wines, are the best buys? To find out, I tasted 50 or so high street offerings.

Wine drinkers imagine that wine writers savour a never-ending stream of grand wines and vintages. The truth is that for every one good to great bottle tasted there are ten duffers. This month's high street round-up was a happy exception.

Such concern for the customer's palate is not due, alas, to a new-found respect by the wine trade. Many British wine buyers still believe at heart that the public should drink what it is given, and like it. This October windfall for customers is yet another example of the recession forcing the retail wine industry to pull up its socks.

Threshers' wine buyer describes 1992 as the toughest trading year he has known, and even Oddbins, the wine merchant extraordinaire, acknowledges that it is "a shrinking market". Dwindling sales and cut-throat competition have forced the wine trade to deliver a better selection.

My vote for a good, cheering, all-purpose October red goes to Randall Grahm's The Cataclysm, a cabernet sauvignon from the J. Lohr winery in California, whose glorious, soft, squashed mulberry and loganberry-like fruit is a delight, as is its Oddbins price tag of £3.99.

One step up in price and flavour, but again blessed with lots of extra ripe juicy fruit, is the '91 Canterbury California Zinfandel (Majestic £4.99, or £4.24 until October 15 for mail-list customers), whose big, opulent blackberry style and rose-like scent shows that the American revival of interest in the mysterious zinfandel grape, thought to the same grape as southern Italy's primitivo variety, is justified.

Australia, like California, is a useful source of robust, fruity October reds. Mitchelton, one of Victoria's leading wineries, is probably best known for its powerful white marsannes. But the splendid 1987 Mitchelton Print Label Cabernet Sauvignon, its top red, deserves to be as well known in Britain. I loved its verve and style, thick with the flavours of mint, cassis and spicy oak (Majestic £8.99, or £7.64 until October 15 for mail-list customers).

More restrained but just as delicious with Bordeaux clearly in its sights is Brian Croser's cedary scented and cassis-charged 1988 Petaluma Coonawarra Cabernet (Oddbins £9.99), his best cabernet vintage yet and again proof that Coonawarra is Australia's answer to the Médoc.

Back to France, and the Rhône valley is still the best source there for beefy winter reds. Not everyone will like the dark, heavy, perfumed spice of the syrah grape, but those who do should try Chapoutier's '90 Crozes-Hermitage, Les Meysonnières (Oddbins £6.99), whose intense, juicy, almost liquorice-like spice shows what a first-class establishment can do in a first-class vintage.

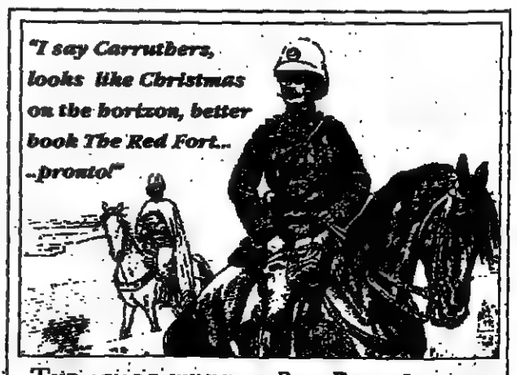
Back on top too is the Cave des Clairmonts, whose Crozes-Hermitage has long been one of Waitrose customers' favourites. The '89 Crozes, an exellent Rhône vintage at £4.99, delivers oodles of ripe, plum and blackberry-like fruit.

Finally, whatever else you splash out on this month, make certain you snap up the last of Davisons magnificent, mature '86 Domaine Font de Michelle Châteauneuf-du-Pape, whose extraordinary fine, aromatic sandalwood and cedarwood scents and spicy fruit will not disappoint, even at £8.95 a bottle.

THERE are plenty of good high street champagne buys around now, because the greedy Champenois have lowered their prices, following increased competition from overseas and the likelihood of a large 1992 crop. A cut-price vintage fizz to consider is The Victoria Wine Company's fine, biscuity 1986, down from £15.99 this month to £13.99. Just £2 less brings you the strawberry-scented Oeil de Perdrix rosé (Majesty Wine Warehouses £11.99).

Best buys

- **The Cataclysm Cabernet Sauvignon** (California), *Oddbins £3.99*
- **1989 Crozes-Hermitage, Cave des Clairmonts** (Rhône), *Waitrose £4.99*
- **1986 Domaine Font de Michelle, Châteauneuf-du-Pape** (Rhône), *Davisons £8.95*
- **1991 Canterbury California Zinfandel**, *Majestic Wine Warehouses £4.99*
- **1990 Crozes-Hermitage, Les Meysonnières** (Rhône), *Chapoutier, Oddbins £6.99*
- **1987 Mitchelton Print Label Cabernet Sauvignon** (Australia), *Majestic £8.99*
- **1988 Petaluma Coonawarra Cabernet** (Australia), *Oddbins £9.99*



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Nature's sweet stuff

Honey went out of fashion with the advent of sugar. Now, **Sue Style** reports, it is making a comeback

"What is sweeter than honey?" enquired the famous Victorian chef Alexis Soyer. "What is more pure or more nourishing? It is the milk of the aged, it prolongs existence, and when they descend into the tomb, it still serves to embalm them." Little wonder that honey has excited such interest for so long.

The earlist evidence of man's fondness for this nourishing sweetener is to be found in a painting in the Spider Cave in eastern Spain, which dates back some 8,000 years. A lissom figure clings precariously to a branch. One hand holds a basket, the other is plunged deeply into what looks curiously like a Sixties beehive hairdo. Bees buzz angrily around; the whole business looks exceedingly hazardous. Over the centuries man's taste for honey has remained undiminished, although relieving the bees of their precious product has become a marginally less complicated affair.

Honey has always featured extensively in the literature, art, religious observance and medical practice of all the major civilisations. The love poetry of the Sumerians describes the caresses of a bride as "more fragrant than honey". For the ancient Egyptians, bees represented royalty while honey was food first for the gods, then for humans. The ancient Greeks' enthusiasm for honey rivalled that of the Egyptians. The followers of Pythagoras (when not working on their sums) made sustaining meals of bread and honey and far outlived their contemporaries: Hippocrates, father of medicine, was an early exponent of the hot toddy for a sore throat. The Old Testament, the Talmud and the Koran all refer to the healing and nourishing properties of honey.

The Romans, too, were no mean mellivores: Apicius, in his famous cookbook, included honey in about half of the 468-odd recipes. Virgil referred to it as "the heavenly gift . . . from the skies". To the Mayas and the Aztecs, bees were sacred. The beautifully illustrated chronicles from the monastery of St Gall and the Leech Book of Glastonbury Abbey show that medieval monks were skilled apiarists.

When sugar began to supplant honey as the universal cheap sweetener, honey's star began to fade. But the revival of interest in natural products for both consumption and cure is once again producing a taste for it. Consumers are spoilt for choice between single flower, multi-flower, honeydew and blended honeys, creamy, smooth or crystallised.

Single flower honeys come predominantly from a single nectar source. To achieve this, a beekeeper may purposely move his hives to an area to catch a certain crop in bloom (heather, lavender, acacia); alternatively if his hives are surrounded by uninterrupted vistas of one crop only (oilseed rape in much of Europe, clover in Canada), there will be little doubt about which flower the honey is made from.

Multi-flower honeys come from a rich mix of widely varying flora from all around the hive. Increasingly, some of the best come no longer from country bees but from their town cousins. Nowadays the countryside is distinguished by huge monocultures, whereas the towns are full of bright suburban parks and gardens offering rich nectar pickings.

Honeydew honeys, rich, dark and minerally, come from areas where the bees forage not nectar but honeydew, a secretion deposited on certain trees and plants by plant-sucking insects. Blended honeys are put together by a honey blender who buys in bulk from many different sources.

Finally, the consistency of honey varies from liquid and star-bright to smoothly firm or crunchily granulated. Honey in the hive is liquid, mainly because it is warm: once extracted and cooled it will usually proceed to granulate, rather quickly in the case of oilseed rape, and rather slowly (or not at all) in the case of tupelo or acacia. The comb honey of childhood memory is fast becoming a rarity in Britain, for it is fiddly and expensive for the bee keeper to produce. One alternative is a chunk of crunchy comb suspended in a jar of liquid honey.

And the best honey? For sheer, exotic, citrus aromas, try orange blossom honey; uncapping the jar is like wandering into an orange grove. Acacia, often considered the aristocrat of honeys, has all the heady perfume of the white, grape-like blossoms of the acacia tree, while the later-flowering lime trees contribute their own delicate floral aromas.

Chestnut and heather honeys have their devotees, though the distinctive, bittersweet flavours are too assertive for some. Among the most intriguing-sounding is the *miele amaro di Corbezzolo* from Sardinia, honey from the strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*). Distinguished by an almost intolerable bitterness, it is said to have been a particular favourite of the Marquis de Sade.

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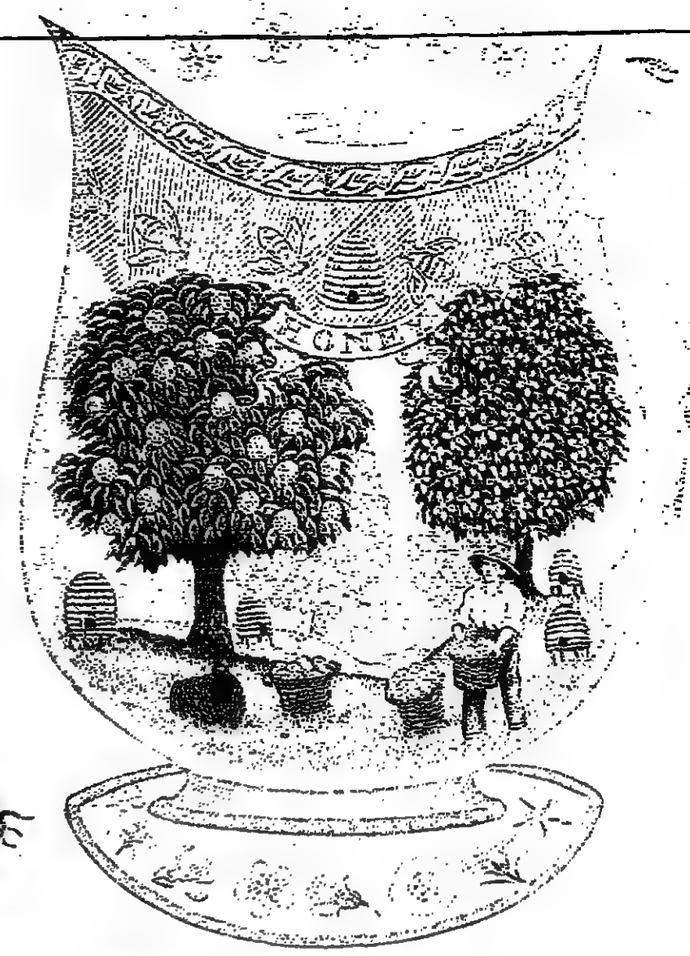

Grilled duck breasts with sweet-sour marinade

A simple and stunning dish of duck breasts marinated in honey, vinegar, soy sauce, ginger and orange juice: the marinade forms the basis for the sauce. Best of all on the barbecue, but a grill works well too. Serve with ribbon noodles mixed with matchstick strips of lightly cooked courgette (zucchini).

(serves 2)

2 small duck breasts; salt and pepper

2 tbsp honey; 1 tbsp wine vinegar or Melfor

1 tsp soy sauce; juice 1 orange

a walnut-sized piece fresh ginger, grated; 2oz/50g butter

Rub the salt and pepper well into the duck breasts. In a shallow dish mix together the honey, vinegar, soy sauce, orange juice and ginger. Roll the duck breasts in the marinade and put in the fridge for a few hours or overnight. Turn occasionally. Barbecue (or grill) the breasts for 8-10 minutes (skin side down on the barbecue, skin side up under the grill) or until the skin is crispy and the flesh slightly pink. Put the marinade in a pan and boil hard to reduce to a syrup. Remove from heat, whisk in butter and serve with the breasts.

Bitten by the beekeeping bug

With minimal effort you can collect fresh honey from your garden — even in the city

The prospect of sharing our small back garden in Islington with 50,000 bees did not immediately appeal. In summer I wage war on aphids which attack the roses, worms which attack the apples and snails which attack everything, and the idea of encouraging a colony of stinging insects was alarming. My husband, Colin, however, was convinced of the wisdom of the idea as soon as he had worked out that the buzzing black rain which was swirling around the garden was not a plague of biblical proportions but a swarm of honey bees.

Beekeeper Gillian Bowditch

The first task was to catch them. In the time that it had taken me to persuade him not to venture into the garden armed with the linen basket as a make-shift skep, the bees had settled on to a low-hanging branch on the lilac bush. A phone call to a beekeeping cousin in Scotland informed us that bees gorge themselves on honey prior to swarming, and with full abdomens are unable or disinclined to sting. "Just shake them into a cardboard box," was the advice.

Colin ventured forth, unprotected, and I stood by the phone ready to call an ambulance. One snip of the branch with a pair of secateurs and the bees were ours. The previous year we had visited the National Honey Show in Chelsea and had come away armed with a jar of honey and a book on beekeeping. This proved helpful.

The real problems started the following day. An early inspection of the bees revealed that their abdomens were no longer full. Colin retreated with a stung thumb. After a series of telephone calls, he managed to track down a beekeeping management consultant, Fiona Edwards-Stuart. She arrived with a spare hive, bee veils, beeswax foundation and white zoot suits. By 7pm the bees were in their new home and we had learnt never to approach a beehive from the front. The bees, concerned that their honey is about to be plundered, automatically sting. Mrs Edwards-Stuart said our bees were Italian in origin and had a reasonably pleasant temperament.

Since then it has been trial and error, phone calls to Mrs Edwards-Stuart and much consultation of books. The bees, now in a permanent hive of their own, have lived for the past year on the railway embankment adjacent to our garden. Despite my initial misgivings they have proved easy to keep. During the winter they need practically no looking after. In the summer, they require only occasional inspections. Experts would no doubt be appalled, but the bees appear to survive.

After capturing the bees, our next port of call was to a beekeeper in Harrow who supplies equipment and is generous with advice. The initial outlay was about £200 and could have been less had we chosen to buy second-hand hives. Since then the cost has been minimal: beeswax foundation and wooden frames, a spare second-hand hive and, of course, some jars.

So far this year the hives have produced 55lb of honey, which we extracted in late May and mid-September. Our first honey crop was light and floral, the second dark and slightly treacly — a surprising difference in taste depending on the flowers from which it is produced.

The honey is taken from the beeswax frames by spinning them in a rotational extractor, and there is immense satisfaction in watching the light golden unctuous liquid glug out into the jars.

So far our bees have shown no sign of the varroa mite which is afflicting many hives in Britain, although a case has been found in Hackney, north London. Bayer now makes a treatment for the disease which the agriculture ministry is recommending (more information is available from the National Bee Unit in Ludington, 0789 750601).

GILLIAN BOWDITCH

● *Those interested in keeping bees should visit the National Honey Show from October 29-31 at The National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea.*

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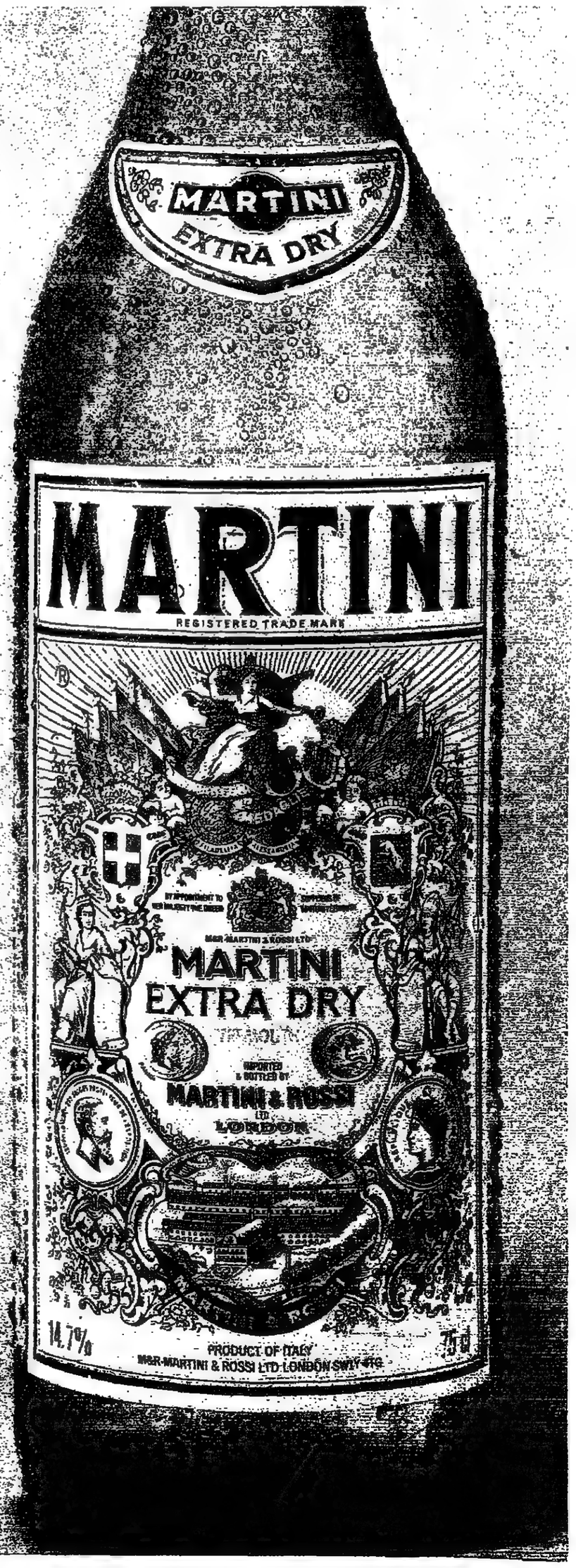

A buffalo's eye view of grunge

Sue Crewe at the Mean Fiddler club, alma mater of The Pogues and bands from folk-rock to thrash metal grunge

FROM the Mean Fiddler's balcony hangs a buffalo's head; one helluva testimony to the taxidermist's art. Heavy-horned and basilisk-eyed, this poor, de-bodied beast has heard more live music than Virgin Records' A 'n' R (a person of immeasurable importance in the music world, whom the uninitiated might describe as a talent scout).

This just isn't the buffalo's evening. He was presumably part of the original décor when the place was kitted out as a honky-tonk bar and the acoustic guitar ruled, but this is a showcase night and four aspiring groups from Oxford have come to northwest London to thrash their instruments and rend the air with some ear-splitting grunge-rock.

The audience can be more interesting than bands

My arrival at 9.30pm coincides with that of an all-girl quartet called Death By Crimpers, whose style is fast, loud and unmelodious. Clearly wishing to inject a little menace into the proceedings, the rhythm guitarist had modelled herself on Pat Robertson of Sisters of Mercy fame. She stands glum and motionless below her 2ft, storm-damaged bouffant. But maybe she is shy or concentrating on the problem of shaping chords with inch-long fingernails.

The drummer wears a sequined tea-cosy on her head and wields the sticks furiously. Her generous bosom jigs in sync and nearly jigs right out of its rather inadequate housing. The second rhythm guitar has chosen to wear an interesting jerkin made of crochet-work squares, looking like a hot-water bottle cover. Their 100 or so bussed-in fans parley with their heroines between numbers in tones of coy cheeriness. She who wears the hot-water bottle cover stands with feet firmly planted on the stage and twists her head, as though to sweep the floor with her plaited and beaded dreadlocks; the fans face the stage and do likewise.

The audience tonight is young, enthusiastic and friendly. Dress veers from the fastidiously unkempt bagginess of Happy Monday clones (mainly the boys), to an uneasy alliance between heavy metal tight black leg-wear and the crushed velvet psychedelia of the Goth ghetto (mainly the girls). In some ways the audience is more interesting than the bands. A sub-Goth announces that she is going to ask for her £5.50 entrance fee back. "I asked them on the door if it was going to be noisy and they said it wasn't. What do we get? All this headbanging stuff." It transpires that she is a primary school teacher: "children between the ages of four and eight", she volunteers helpfully. She had met the two Asian girls she was with through teaching their daughters.

Two boys at the bar turn out to be a roadie and a club doorman from Oxford, not the A 'n' R men that their cool knowingness suggests. Did they come to clubs like this to meet girls? No, they did not; they came to listen to the bands, "and anyway", one of them said rather primly, "I'm a married man".

The Mean Fiddler came into being in 1982, the love child of one-time second-hand furniture dealer Vince Power. Power had a passion for country and western music and bought the notorious after-hours drinking bar from the boxer Terry Downes, after it had been closed down by the police. His aim was to make it the best live-music venue in town: a staging post for musicians between the tiny venues and The Town and Country Club, for example.

ALAN WELLER

Professional listener: Mark Johnson, who books bands at the Mean Fiddler, and the fast and loud all-girl group Death By Crimpers

The place holds 600 when the balcony is open and has four bars. Tonight the balcony is host only to the buffalo's head, and the bar in the acoustic room turns out to be a good place for a quiet chat. No one's pretending tonight's gig is going to make history, but it is testimony to a catholic music policy which ranges from folk-rock, through country and western, Irish, blues, world, independent and, well — thrash metal grungers.

Who plays the club is in the hands of Mark Johnson, the slight, quietly spoken booker. He doesn't think that record companies are the best people to spot talent. "A buzz goes round, you get to hear that a band's causing a stir and you book them. If you believe in a band you have to go on giving them exposure," he says. "The major labels are always behind the times anyway. Independent labels look after and nurture talent." He approves of Mute Records and 4AD because they were started by people with passion and built up from a small personal basis.

One of the booker's trickier moments occurred when the jazz pianist Dr John from New Orleans overdid the pharmaceuticals and cancelled. Faced with restless customers from all over the country, he telephoned Dr John's greatest fan, Jools Holland, who sped over from his home to plug the gap.

Next month is the Mean Fiddler's tenth anniversary, so November will feature acts that got their first break at the club: The Pogues, Tanita Tikaram, Christy Moore, John Martyn and many more. It's a friendly, relaxed, un-posy place. Nobody feels tyrannised by a dress code, and the doorman may be large but he smiles at you, even a would-be, could-be granny like me.

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Conjuring up the party élite

From Cadillacs to Camelot, specialists perform magic to make your child's day, writes Jessica Gorst-Williams

What's the biggest thing you can magic away?" I asked a magician. "Probably the parents' headache," he said. Not all disappearing acts work quite as intended — and the sight of the bill for some children's parties might be enough to make some of us disappear along with the headache.

If you can afford it, though, you can, for an afternoon, make your child's dreams come true.

You can start with an impressive entrance on an elephant. Or in a barge. Or going for a spin with friends in the longest car in the world. ("Take no notice of the one in the *Guinness Book of Records*," says Gerry Cottle, who owns it. "That one's bent in the middle.") His Cadillac Eldorado is straight and stretches 71ft 11in, or 21.9m. It has 18 tyres, weighs 7¾ tons, and inside you can have a display of dancing water. There are three telephones and two television sets, in case monotony sets in, and room for 20 children.

Or there's the original "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" from the eponymous film, a horse-drawn omnibus, or a bull. "As bulls go," says Peter Pinner, who hires this one out and combines it with a cowboy party, "he is pretty tame."

Nor should the arrival at the party be a disappointment. Theme parties are in. Your home can be transformed into another world. From *Star Trek* to a beach party in your drawing-room in the winter, with your children eating off shells, to a jungle with live snakes, or a *Hook* party replete with skull and crossbones.

Or back to Camelot. That's where Carolyn James can take you. There is the occasional child who just won't put on a King Arthur costume or be Queen Guinevere or an archbishop or a fair lady, and refuses to don wedding gear. But they are in a minority, and when it comes to spinning plates, mock jousting and working out how it is that the birthday child is always the only one who can actually pull the sword out of the stone, they've usually relented.

If all this sounds too much for your own house, you can hold it in someone else's place.

Claridge's hotel in central London is popular. Recently it was transformed into gangsterland, with huge cut-outs of 1930s cars with flashing lights. The guests and birthday child were taught by some of the world's top stunt men how to leap out from behind the sets and shoot everything in sight. Above them was a huge false sky, with stars that turned day into night for the party's two-and-a-half hour duration. This sort of party can be rounded off with a tea of peanut butter sandwiches, crisps, chocolate fingers, and a £20,000 bill.

The trouble with some of these parties — where absolutely everything is laid on by an agency and "all the parents need to do is to turn up five minutes beforehand" — is that they can make you too laid back. Some people forget to send out the invitations. One party with a clown juggler, games and trampolines had to go through its paces for just one child.

There are some parties or outings that cannot be done without expert help: many of the latest fads, for instance, such as Velcro walls, go-karting and lasers. Firework parties are better with some assistance from people in the know. The only entertainment the children had at one I organised was seeing my hair go up in flames when I broke all the rules and went back to an imported (no British Standard mark) firework too soon.

For firework parties, siting is important. There should be 25m (about 82ft) between the children and the nearest firework (British Standard 7114 should be used). It really needs half a football pitch to be set up.

Indoors, sparklers used to light children's birthday candles can prove catastrophic, especially if there's lots of paper around.

Things can go wrong for professionals, too, as Betsy, who had just finished six weeks' training as a conjuror's rabbit, found out. She, like some headaches, did not disappear in quite the way intended. When her conjuror tried to prompt her out of his hat, she wasn't there. One glance at the family's alsatian dog with a bit of fur draped round its mouth told everyone where she had gone.

That sort of mishap is rare. Those involved in the children's party world take the business of getting it right very seriously indeed. Is there something more to this than sheer professional pride? Curiously, one thing many of them seem to have in common is an absence of parties in their own childhoods.

"I don't know quite why," says Norman Myers, a past master at children's party entertaining, "but somehow they just didn't happen."

That's something that cannot be made up for. Once you are grown up, you are forever an outsider looking in.

MARTIN BEDDALL

When parties become legends: Camelot comes alive in West Kensington, with jousting and tug-o'-war

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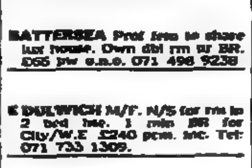

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Nursery appeal: get cracking on the nuts

Francesca Greenoak is nuts about attractive, productive hazels, and appeals to nurseries to make more varieties available to gardeners

The column this week is completely nuts. I make no excuse for focusing on the hazel, the only dessert nut native to the British Isles. The common European hazel *Corylus avellana* is an attractive tree in its own right, with shining, supple purple-brown twigs and irregular, soft-textured, jagged leaves. Its principal virtues are the familiar, dangling, golden lamb's tail male catkins in spring — and in autumn the small, rounded nuts peeping out of a pretty, papery husk.

Autumn turns the foliage to butter yellows, pink and brown. I have seen hazels planted effectively as punctuation points at the edge of a large lawn. Cut to the ground after a few years (the practice in the old coppice woodland), they grew back to make large, sheaf-like, multi-stemmed shrubs.

Left to itself, the hazel makes a small, irregularly shaped tree, at its best in a hedge, bank or lined out as a nut walk or tunnel. Undemanding in their requirements, the trees do well in any reasonable soil, the best-flavoured nuts coming from varieties such as Cosford Cob and Pearson's Prolific. (Unless you live in a nut-growing county, you will need to order named varieties from a specialist supplier.)

The only variety regularly to be seen in garden centres today is the contorted hazel *(var. Contorta)*, whose twisted corkscrew twigs and branches look wonderful laced with frost, and revolting through spring and summer, when its patchy foliage hangs awkwardly akimbo. A weeping, cut-leaved, soft purple form *(Fuscorubra)* also makes a more interesting garden tree.

Better known for nut production and more robust in growth, the hazel *Corylus maxima* has long been grown throughout Europe and has accrued a wide range of varieties. Celebrated for their flavour, Red Filbert and its white counterpart were known in the 16th century and are still listed in present-day catalogues, as is the 19th-century Kentish Cob. Keepers Nursery in East Malling, Kent (0622 813009), has the longest list of hazelnuts, with nine named varieties, but Mike Cook, the proprietor, advises early orders, because so few hazels are raised in England and some orders have to be brought in.

Visiting the premises of the Dutch nurseryman Martin Bomer earlier this year, I was amazed to find that he grew 40 or so different varieties of hazelnut tree (including some old English types no longer available). Squirrels, which eat the nuts in English orchards and gardens, are not a problem in Holland, but nuthatches (see Feather Report, page 3) consume quantities of nuts and damage the trees by wedging their nuts into cracks and crevices in the branches to crack them. I cracked mine conventionally and discovered a considerable difference in the colour, shape and shell thickness, with the tastes varying in sweetness and floweriness.

The National Collection holders for filberts and cobnuts is at the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale in Kent, where they have 42 hazel species and cultivars from all over Europe. Most are not available to gardeners, so I make a personal appeal to an enterprising nursery to investigate a range of unusual hazels which are both decorative and productive.

A tasty handful: Mike Cook, of Keepers Nursery, with hazelnuts straight from the tree

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

BARBARA DICKSON

Singer

Where would you go?
To the west of Ireland, where I have been going since I was 16. My husband and I had our honeymoon, a month before we were married, in co. Clare in July 1984. The weather was foul and we stood on the cliffs being lashed by gales, but it was a brilliant holiday.

How would you get there?
I would fly Ryanair to Knock, in co. Mayo. Knock airport is a scream: it's little more than a Nissen hut on top of a mountain. One hundred years ago the villagers of Knock saw an apparition of the Virgin Mary and built a shrine. The local priest raised the money to build the airport in 1986: he was convinced that pilgrims would come from all over the world.

Where would you stay?
The west of Ireland is beautiful, from Donegal down to West Cork, so I'd hire a car, consult *The Good Hotel Guide* and take pot-luck. I prefer hotels to bed and breakfast places: I always get embarrassed in other people's houses.

Who would be your perfect companion?
If my husband, Oliver, was unavailable, I'd take Bernard Theobald, my manager for 20 years. People say we are more like an old cantankerous married couple than Oliver and I.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
A pair of walking boots and a Barbour with a hood.

What medicines would you take?
Multi-vitamins.

What would you have to eat?
Smoked salmon and soda bread.

What would you have to drink?
Draught stout.

Which books would you take to read?
Books about Irish churches and castles and Gaelic traditions.

What music would you listen to?
I'd like to go to a fleadh, an Irish music festival.

What would you watch on television?
The Late Late Show, which goes out live on Friday night. It's an anarchic show presented by Gay Byrne, who interviews everybody from nuns to rock bands and holds forums on abortion and divorce. It's an Irish institution.

Would you play any games or sport?
Pitch and putt wearing my Barbour and boots because it's bound to be pouring with rain.

What luxury would you take?
Diamond earrings and the leopard-skin print Gianni Versace suit that I wore on tour this summer.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Anyone trying to make me sing or sign autographs.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The Irish Times.

What three things would you leave behind?
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Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

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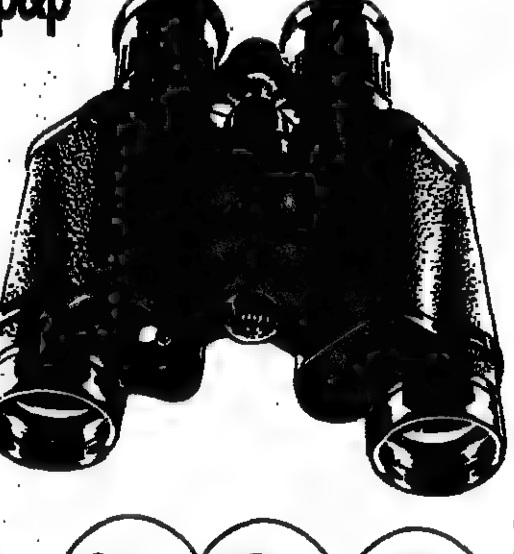
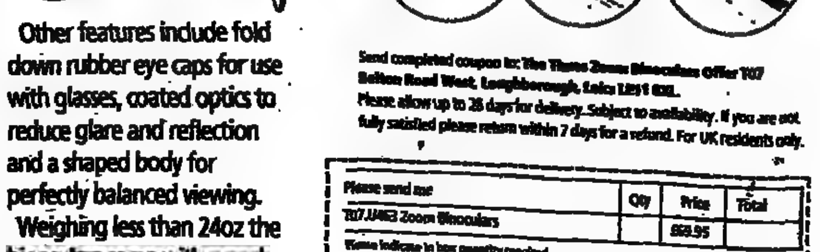

Boom times for the zoom brigade

Lights, camera, action: one household in ten already owns a video camera, and by 1996 sales will have doubled. For budding Spielbergs thinking of joining the home movie set, **Nicole Swengley** gives a consumer's guide to some of the best on the market

Philips VKR9015, £999: S-VHS model with 16x digital zoom, image stabilisation and hi-fi stereo sound recording. Shooting can take place in low light. It has an electronic high-speed shutter and sophisticated editing features. 156mmW x 118mmH x 204mmD. Weight: 780g without battery.

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FG122SW £849.99: 8mm model with colour LCD viewfinder and 12x optical zoom. Wide angled lens for groups or interior shots or landscapes. Insert editing allows scenes to be transposed into recorded material along with reeze framing. Detachable pistol grip/miil tripod to keep palmcorder steady. 99mmW x 100mmH x 175mmD. Weight: 765g without battery or grip.

Making home videos means we can all be famous for 15 minutes — or for posterity. The popularity of camcorders has soared since they became generally available in the mid 1980s, and one in ten households now owns one. By 1996 it is predicted that sales will double to top one million a year, mainly in the new breed of compact, lightweight models — "palmcorders".

Camcorders combine a video camera and video cassette recorder in one unit. Although they look complex, they are in fact easy to operate, with focusing and exposure dealt with automatically. To view the results you can play back at the time on the machine itself or connect the camcorder to the television set.

Some camcorders take full size VHS cassettes. These are easier to play back, but make the cameras bulky and heavy. Camcorders that take the smaller VHS-C tapes are more compact. The 45-minute tapes (90 minutes at long play setting) cost around £4 and can be played back in a home video recorder via an adaptor (sometimes supplied with the camcorder, or as an extra at around £25).

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WHAT TO WEAR

Denim has come a long way from Levi Strauss's gold-rush trousers. Now, Brenda Polan reports, it is making beautiful, soft knitwear

Had a canny Bavarian called Levi Strauss been easily discouraged, weekends would be a different colour and pop music would lack some of its best songs.

A new immigrant to America, Strauss looked around for a way to turn his small capital into a fortune and his attention was captured by the California Gold Rush. Not that Strauss planned on digging. He saw a captive market and speculated on its needs. Unfamiliar with both the California climate and the spirit of machismo that prevailed on the goldfields, he presumed that the forty-niners would need shelter, so he set off with bales of tent canvas to sell to them. But the miners rejected such effete nonsense; what they needed in their rough-hewn diggings, they told the disappointed entrepreneur, was tough pants.

Thinking laterally, Strauss converted the canvas to work trousers. He was in business. His next consignment of pants was in an even tougher fabric he had discovered, *serge de Nîmes*, which he dyed indigo to ensure colour distinction.

Denim's history — from the backbreaking hillsides of California, via the cow-trampled plains of the Midwest, the stockyards, dockyards and building sites, to teenage uniform and symbol of moody, acne-scarred rebellion — is redolent with romance, drama and myth. Even today, when well-washed denim is respectable wear in the offices of the less formal professions, it retains those associations of swaggering, slightly dangerous individuality which it collected along the way.

Although most of the world's millions of metres of denim is sewn into jeans (the name comes from Genoa, whose sailors wore heavy denim trousers), it has long been the stuff of jackets, skirts, shirts and shorts as well. It was inevitable that, as this civilising process developed, someone, somewhere would want to knit it, and a denim yarn for knitting was perfected in the early 1980s, around the same time that Lycra was being blended with the weaving yarn to ensure that tight blue jeans could get even tighter.

The best denim knits are called Artwork Blue and are designed and produced by Jane and Patrick Gottelier, whose Artwork and George Trowark ranges provide fashionable knitwear for men and women. "The mood of all our clothes is relaxed, casual, off-duty," says Mr Gottelier, "but Artwork and Trowark keep pace with mainstream fashion in terms of colour, pattern and shape. That's where we can be flamboyant and innovative. Like your jeans, an Artwork Blue sweater gets better-looking as it gets older. It fades beautifully."

It also droops beautifully, getting softer and more comforting with every machine wash. Like a pair of jeans, it fades faster where it is exposed to the light and abraded by contact. This uneven colour loss is even more attractive in the cable-knit sweater, where it accentuates the bas-relief effect.

Like many knitwear designers whose work is more craft-oriented than fashion-driven, the Gotteliers spent the latter half of the 1980s feeling marginalised. "We were never very easy with the concept of power dressing," says Mr Gottelier. "It expressed a competitiveness which, to us, seems not a very nice way to live. We did not want to live that way and did not want to design those kind of clothes. After all, we couldn't bear to *wear* them.

"We design clothes which are expensive — they have to be because of the cost of the materials and the labour — and expensive clothes should not be a uniform. They should express individuality. And they should last, which means they cannot be the kind of clothes which are good for one season and then look dated."

So they concentrate on casual clothing. "After all, there is life after and beyond the office. I think the Gap phenomenon proves that many people are thinking the way we do, but ultimately Gap clothes are so basic they become another uniform. And, at the weekend, when you dress to please yourself, you want to look relaxed and as if you've got a bit of style."

The Artwork Blue range is unisex in many aspects. The big, hand-knitted, cable-patterned sweaters in denim yarn and the T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts look good on men and women. The sweaters and cardigans beaded in cowboy shirt patterns are bought mostly by women, as are the neat indigo leggings and skinny bodies.

The Gotteliers have a shop called George Trowark in St Christopher's Place, just off Oxford Street in London.

Currently it looks like a harvest festival altar with baskets of rosy apples and sheaves of corn echoing the colours of their autumn Artwork and Trowark woollies. But in pride of place in its own glass case in the window is one denim cable-knit. It has been through the washing machine hundreds of times and is faded and sun-bleached to softest, variegated blue. It has, indeed, aged beautifully.

Above

Left: cable sweater with grey trim on hem and cuffs £42.99, Next Directory, Ref: M90013, (0345 100500). Denim leggings, £16.99, Marks & Spencer. Baseball cap, The Disney Shop, Regent Street, W1. Boots £39, Cable & Co, all branches. Right: padded gilet, £175, Joseph, 28 Brook Street, W1; 26 Sloane Street, SW1; 77 Fulham Road, SW3. Indigo granddad shirt £75; track pants £75, George Trowark, as before. Cream sweater (around shoulders), £29.99, Next Directory, ref: M98039 (0345 100500). Socks £24; boots, £110, Timberland, 72 New Bond Street, W1.

Left

Left: Indigo zipped sweat top with hood, £120; quilted waistcoat, £88; George Trowark, 10A St Christopher's Place, W1. Cream sweater, £29.99, Next Directory, as before. 501 jeans, £50, Levi stores nationwide. Right: Pendennis sweater, £300; cable sweater (around shoulder), £300; George Trowark, as before. Ribbed leggings, £99, Joseph, as before.

Styling by Sarah Newton, make-up by Sarah Bee, hair by Caron Banfield at JRB Associates
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Reflect

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Strong designs provoke strong reactions, and love or loathe highly decorative mirrors, such as those shown below, you cannot ignore them. Off-the-wall is an apt description, and their richly sculptural frames demand closer examination.

That's when the old coins and keys, the lace and pepper pots come to light, for these imposing creations are composed largely of market-stall and car-boot sale miscellanea.

With such disparate contents the results could be disastrous, but Barbara Hook, aged 31, and her Yugoslavian partner, Tihomir Dizdar, 27, know what they are doing.

Ms Hook is a trained theatre designer, with a postgraduate degree from the Slade School of Fine Art. Mr Dizdar studied baroque and Victorian design before arriving in London five years ago with £15 in his pocket. They met earlier this year at Camden Market, north London, where they ran adjacent stalls — Ms Hook selling own-design jewellery and masks, Mr Dizdar decorative wooden models and bonsai. Now they sell mirrors at Camden and Covent Garden in central London, where, they say, there is a demand for private commissions. "We did a mirror for a woman with all her christening presents on it — little mugs and spoons and things," Ms Hook says.

Their off-the-peg creations

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Legging it to the top

Designers may shun them now, but women still want leggings

Some fashion fads are just too good to go away when fashion bids them. One garment which had every appearance of being here to stay but which nearly every important designer left out of the autumn collections is leggings. Trousers, wide, narrow and jodhpur-shaped, yes; skirts, short, long and unflatteringly indeterminate, yes; leggings, no.

Down at reality level, however, the chain stores are less ruthless. "There is still," says Sheilagh Brown, head of ladies' wear design at Marks & Spencer, "a large demand for them. As long as enough women want them, we will supply them." Bear in mind that Marks & Spencer's enough is not quite like anyone else's enough. It is far, far bigger.

Leggings first made fashion news when, having shrunk to insignificance, the skirt disappeared completely. Winter 1990 saw legs on display in bold patterns, lurid colours and many textures. Eastern art and literature had always eroticised the female leg but, *pace* Robert Herrick who devoted one of his more feverish odes to Julia's legs, western culture has been coy on the subject.

Men, of course, have flaunted ankle, calf, thigh, buttock and aggressive bulge during most periods of western history. Women, ostensibly passive creatures, stumbled over their skirts. There is a whole subgenre of historical-romantic fiction in which the only way the hoydenish heroine can get a slice of the action is to cross-dress in doublet and hose and run away with (usually) a band of strolling players (and, very likely, play Viola or Rosalind in a positive maelstrom of transvestism).

The author always emphasises that, by the standards of her time, the maiden is unattractively thin with an unfeminine lankiness of leg. Properly short, plump, feminine legs in wrinkly hose would have been a dead giveaway.

Nutrition and exercise have changed women's legs and synthetic fibres, especially Lycra, have changed hose. Leggings began their ascent to fashionability in the dance class and the gym. Well-exercised women, shapely of thigh and firm of buttock, found them both comfortable and flattering and affected them as leisure wear. Fashion designers noticed and responded.

There is, however, one problem with leggings. Despite the comforting clutch of Lycra, it is an unforgiving garment and, while many women have good legs, very few have ideal bottoms and even fewer have been taught to examine their rear views in a long mirror. The corseting effect of Lycra can flatten and distort as efficiently as it supports. Even the most beautiful young models can look unappealingly squidgy retreating in a pair of leggings.

Safer to do as older, skinnier or plumper men have done in history's more exhibitionist periods and accept that if the muscle tone is not quite perfect, a longer tunic or a tail coat is required. The modern equivalent is the long shirt in fine weather and the big loose sweater in foul. The sweater can be any weight from a soft cashmere or lambswool to a really chunky traditional cable-knit. For those who like to look less country-hike, more Sloane-Street-stroll, a long blazer or blazer-styled cardigan gives a sharper look.

It is, however, important to remember that even Lycra, stalwart yarn that it is, gets tired eventually. Paradoxically, the moment when a pair of leggings becomes *really* comfortable is probably the moment to discard them. Leggings which bag at the knee and sag around the bottom and crotch do no one any favours.

There's a scene in *Cat Ballou* where Lee Marvin, playing an alcoholic laid-off gunslinger, is set upon by thieves. They disarm him and strip him to his droopy, washed-out, red flannel, back-flap fastening combinations. This garment is a high point in the costume designer's art and should, if there were any justice, have won an Oscar. It is not a pretty sight. But it is the image elderly leggings irresistibly bring to mind.

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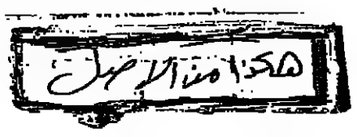

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SPORTING LIFE

Throwing our man to the lions

Robin Young meets the brave *Times* advertising boss willing to risk life and limb for our entertainment in battle against ITV's super-fit gladiators

Simon Goddard is the classified advertisement manager of *The Times*. He is also, more excitingly, a super-fit modern warrior, about to burst on to your television screens in a form of hyperactive gladiatorial combat which combines the popular appeal of *It's a Knockout* with the muscular mayhem of the World Wrestling Federation.

Gladiators, which starts a nine-week run on ITV tonight, is the home-grown British version of an American hit show which has already been available to night owls in the small hours of Saturday mornings. Mr Goddard had seen the American show, so when he followed up an advertisement in a television guide inviting applicants to compete for places in a British series, he knew what he was getting into.

Simon Goddard

Gladiators pits enthusiastic and athletic amateur competitors (the contenders) against a resident team of highly trained athletes (the gladiators) in a series of tough, physical games designed to test fitness and strength in various and cruelly ingenious ways. The show is like a highly equipped playschool for those who have already proved themselves the superstars of their keep-fit classes.

In the event 1,000 people, male and female, auditioned for 24 places among the contenders who will appear in the series. To determine who had the physical prowess to cope with the rigorous demands of the show, the applicants had to compete in time trials, running 800m, cycling a kilometre, rowing 500m and doing a high-speed set of bench presses in as short a time as possible. At the end of that gruelling session they had to show how many chin-ups they could still perform in one minute.

Then they were invited to show their aggressive competitive spirit, and their ability to soak up punishment, by trying to knock the living daylights out of each other with pugil sticks, which are like padded paddles and capable of giving a nasty headache. If not breaking a bone. Finally, "and for most of us most daunting of all", Mr Goddard says modestly, there was a screen test.

The winners were not all fitness coaches and health centre managers. As well as Mr Goddard, the qualifiers included a house husband, a senior staff nurse, legal executives, a fireman, a racing driver and a former member of the Chippendales male strippers dance team.

Mr Goddard, who was a Royal Marines officer before marshalling our classified ads, belongs to a gym, runs a lot, windsurfs and goes on walking weekends. He recently completed a 40-mile yomp over the North York Moors in 11 hours. He used to play a lot of rugby and has always been keen on athletics.

He might, though, have been intimidated by the qualifications of his gladiatorial opponents. The lions to whom he had volunteered to be thrown go by *noms-de-guerre* such as Shadow, Saracen and Warrior. They weigh from 15 to 22 stone, and include in their strength weightlifters, body-builders, rugby players, a kick-boxer and a martial artist.

The women who take on the show's feminine contenders go by names which include Lightning, Flame and Panther. Behind those pseudonyms lurk dangerous females of the body-building species, gymnasts with hobbies such as skiing, aerobics and Thai boxing.

The final 28 would-be contenders were afforded a week at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham for intensive training and conditioning. "That week would match the training of any premier division football club," Mr Goddard says. "We had daily sessions with Tom McNabb and John Anderson, the Olympic track and field coaches. There were strenuous aerobic classes, and we got climbing tuition from the mountaineer and rock-climber Brian Hall."

Rehearsing the games which make up the show, though, quickly shattered any illusions the contenders might have had about their fitness. Sprains, bruises and pulled muscles brought home the amount of physical agility and strength they were going to need in the competition proper.

Gladiators is in effect a super-hyped heptathlon, in which battle is joined on apparatus which goes far beyond the best-equipped gymnasium's resources.

In the game called Atlaspheres, for example, the contenders are mounted inside 7ft-diameter metal spheres, which they have to try to manoeuvre on to scoring pads, while gladiators inside their own spheres try to block them. Crashes, chaos and collisions ensue in what, though it only lasts a minute, proves a tough test of lower-body strength and endurance.

Next the contenders tackle Hang-Tough, a gruelling game of aerial chess. They have to swing on rings suspended 4ft apart, trying to reach the gladiator's platform 50ft away while their opponents attempt to knock them out of the air. "Cast iron shoulder blades would have helped," Mr Goddard says.

Duel, "the most physically intimidating of all the events", is a straight battle with pugil sticks in which the opponents try to knock each other off their platforms, while in Swing Shot the contenders, suspended on a bungee rope, hurl themselves from a height toward the floor and bounce up as high as they can to grab a ball with which they must then bounce back to their own platform to score.

Danger Zone, a test of fleet-footedness and agility, has the contenders trying to reach a goal guarded by a gladiator who is firing high-velocity tennis balls at them. There are four so-called "safe" stations on the route, which auto-destruct in a display of pyrotechnics if they are not defused within ten seconds.

Then the contenders have to try to climb a 36ft wall with a few seconds' start over gladiators who will try to pull them down. "The producers found it was too easy," Mr Goddard says ruefully, "so Brian Hall spent a whole morning removing half the hand and foot holds we had been relying on."

Finally, with gladiators retired to the sidelines, the contenders fight it out among themselves for cash prizes and the chance to compete in an International Gladiators series in Hollywood.

"It was," Mr Goddard says now, "an amazing experience. The gym may never seem quite the same again."

Last week George Bush's son was asked what his father would do if he lost the presidential election. "He won't just lie back on a couch", opined Bush jr. "He is a true gladiator." He was referring to the American *Gladiators* show, but somehow I hope he was exaggerating his father's contingency plans. My advice to George Bush would be to stick to horseshoe-pitching and golf. They sound a lot safer.

● Gladiators *starts on ITV tonight at 6.20pm. Simon Goddard's episode will be shown on October 24.*

Warriors hanging around: two gladiators pit their strength in Hang-Tough, a gruelling game of aerial chess for the fittest

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SHOPPING

re eclectic, and there are of themes to choose the fisher mirror, shell, fruit, dagger, treasure, g and music mirrors, on. Themes are often d off by n their trips. model in the nirror (£850) was sal- from Camden Market. irror is notable for the se of fabrics, which play ortant role in achieving ulptural effects of the here, a rocky cliff face rived from canvas. designers also use antique lace. The artfully draped "fishing net" mirror derives from an old woman's shawl made in Nottingham in the 1920s. Humbler scraps find a home in their mirrors, too. Amid the antique gaslight fittings and Victorian copper pots of the treasure mirror (£1,700) lie remnants of Ms Hook's 21st birthday dress. On the musical mirror (£870), the elegant little hunting horn and violin keep company with bits of old lampshade (embellished with antique lace), assorted bedsprings and a pepper pot. "It's trying to disguise itself as a clarinet," says Ms Hook, who is a fan of *trompe-l'oeil*.

The public donate much of the bric-à-brac. "Some seem to spend their lives looking through car-boot sales, and bring me things they think I could use," Ms Hook says. Mr Disdar adds that the foreign tourists who have bought mirrors often send them native trinkets after returning home.

"Nobody seems to mind us cannibalising things," Ms Hook says, pointing to the chair mirror (£1,200).

Close inspection reveals all manner of objects among the wood, lace and plaster: beautiful hand-carved flowers which Ms Hook brought back from Bali, a bunch of keys, Victorian pennies, and an elegant plastercast clock case.

"Making our own castings enables us to use unusual items more than once, which helps to keep the price down," Ms Hook says, pointing out a little rhino, a mini-mask and delicately cast roses. For the cheapest mirrors, from £150, they make up their own frames.

The feasting mirror, with its antique frame, is the most expensive at £2,000. A guided tour of the frame begins with the ostrich eggs (from Brick Lane market in east London, where Ms Hook scooped up a box of ten for a fiver). Then there are hand-carved Balinese fruits, which reflect her love of the fruit-laiden baroque carvings of Grinling Gibbons (wood carver to William III). At the mirror's base is a pair of antique "After Eight" clock fronts, adorned with beading and sequins and housing the candle sconces which feature on all their mirrors.

Candlelight in a darkened room really does the mirrors greatest justice (they are pictured below in daylight outside the Hook-Dizdar garage workshop in West Hampstead, northwest London).

The sacred associations of candles are not lost on the designers, who are both from Catholic families. "We both grew up in highly decorative religious surroundings, which seem to be reflected in our work," Ms Hook says. Mr Dizdar has even created a mirror evoking the orthodox region of Macedonia where he grew up.

That said, Ms Hook is keen to emphasise their modern, mixed approach, which is proving popular among couples in their thirties or forties: "The baroque and Victorian elements may be strong, but what we do is really a collage of styles," she says. "That's why the mirrors fit in well with either an antique or modern setting. There are even people with stark Bauhaus interiors who buy our mirrors. They want something really voluptuous to provide a contrast."

SOPHIE CHAMIER

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ith some of the highly ornate mirrors at their workshop in northwest London

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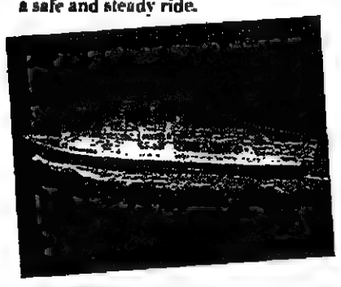

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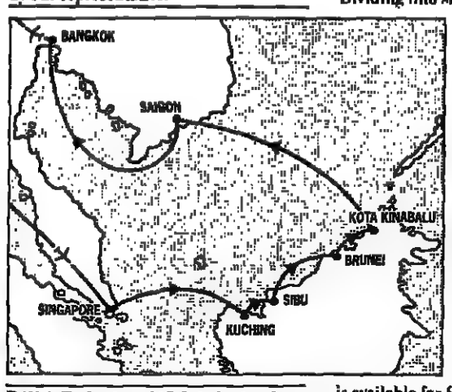
DAY 2 Singapore Arrive and drive to the Hilton Hotel for a 2 night stay.

DAY 3 Singapore Relax, shop or join one of the many optional tours arranged by our representative.



DAY 4 Embark on MS Caledonian Star. Morning free in Singapore, embark in mid-afternoon and sail at 17.00 hours.

DAY 5 At sea

DAY 6 Kuching Exploration ashore will include the Margherita Fort, the Raja's Istana Palace and the Museum. There will be time to absorb the unique influences of the colonial past and indigenous culture, perhaps taking a Sampan across the Sarawak River to view the riverside stilted houses.

DAY 7 Sibu From our mooring in Sibu on the Rajang River we will embark on to fast, specially adapted river boats for journey upstream through the jungle to the territory of the Ibans. After lunch sail from Sibu past the rural Chinese settlements and out to sea.

DAY 8 Brunei-Bandar Seri Begawan See the golden domes of the Omar Ali Mosque and splendid palace of the Sultan. Here half the population live in traditionally built stilt houses connected by walkways and bridges. The naturalists can undertake a visit to the coastal wetlands with our expedition leader.

DAY 9 Kota Kinabalu Join a two day excursion to the Mount Kinabalu National Park, driving along scenic forest roads, we climb to 5000 feet to the park headquarters. Here there are walks and nature trails through spectacular mountain scenery which ranges from lowland jungle, drier forests, cloud forests, mountain forests and culminating in the bare craggy majestic peak of Mount Kinabalu, which at 13,000 feet is the highest mountain in South East Asia. Those who remain on board may explore the coastline and city, including the rubber and palm plantations, rice paddies and the Kampong-Air floating villages.

DAY 10 Kota Kinabalu Sail in the evening.

DAYS 11 and 12 At sea

DAY 13 Saigon Enter the Mekong at 0700 hours and sail up the river to Saigon, arriving in the late morning. Dividing into small groups we will visit the Presidential Palace, the Cholon district, markets and a Buddhist centre. Moor overnight in Saigon.

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High hopes for a life of preservation

Robert Aram has collected 18 chimneys to preserve our industrial past — and he wants more. **Lynne Greenwood** reports

Robert Aram collects chimneys; not chimney pots to decorate his garden, but those huge, blackened mill chimneys which often now stand alone, the reason for their existence long gone.

He has 18, all except one of which he believes would have disappeared had he not bought them. The chimneys are scattered throughout Yorkshire and Lancashire, many in Pennine towns once dominated by mills.

Mr Aram buys chimneys as an "economic historian", not as part of his career as a property entrepreneur. He believes that they are such an important part of our industrial and architectural heritage that they must be preserved. Experience shows, he says, that the only sure way of safeguarding their future is to buy them. Once bought, often after years of persuasion, he arranges regular maintenance checks and visits them occasionally, happy to have spared them the demolition dynamite.

His latest acquisition is a 180ft solid brick chimney, which seems to grow out of the canal at Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne in Lancashire, where it once served Junction Mill. "I first glimpsed it on the skyline a few years ago and I clocked it in my memory," Mr Aram says, aware that his collection is unique, but keen that it should not be regarded as eccentric. "About a year ago I decided to take a closer look. I could see the chimney in the distance and found the best way to approach it was along the canal towpath."

It took some months to persuade the owner that his offer to buy the chimney was genuine. Often he returns to a chimney owner dozens of times over several years in the hope of persuading him to sell.

Mr Aram waxes lyrical about his newest chimney. "The best way to see her first is from the canal," he says. "She looks magnificent with her coronet still on top. This area, this view, would have lost its richness if she had gone."

Mr Aram thinks of all his chimneys as female. "They are so strong, yet so vulnerable," he says. "Without them, nothing else could have happened. Without a place for the steam or smoke to escape, there could have been no machinery: without that no profits for mill owners, and without those no big houses in the country where they could live like gentry."

He paid about £2,000 for Junction Mill chimney and the small area of land around it, essential so that he can carry out any necessary maintenance.

But there is no such thing as an average price for a chimney. "I've paid as little as £5 for one chimney," he says. "And I once bought one from a farmer for a couple of pounds of home-cured bacon."

The challenge of "the deal" is part of the fun for Mr Aram, who also owns stretches of railway line, bridges, water wheels, mills and a wood. The jewel of his collection is Masson Mill, at Matlock Bath in Derbyshire, designed by Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor of the spinning frame. Its chimney is the only one in his collection which was not under any threat. He plans to convert much of the huge mill into offices, hoping to attract the relocation of a government department or multinational company, but is prepared to preserve space for non-commercial use, such as a museum.

The chimney collection started 18 years ago when Mr Aram, a student of economic and social history at Nottingham University, retraced the route of a planned students' field trip abandoned because of fog. The idea had been to study the remnants of the wool and cotton industries in Lancashire and Yorkshire.

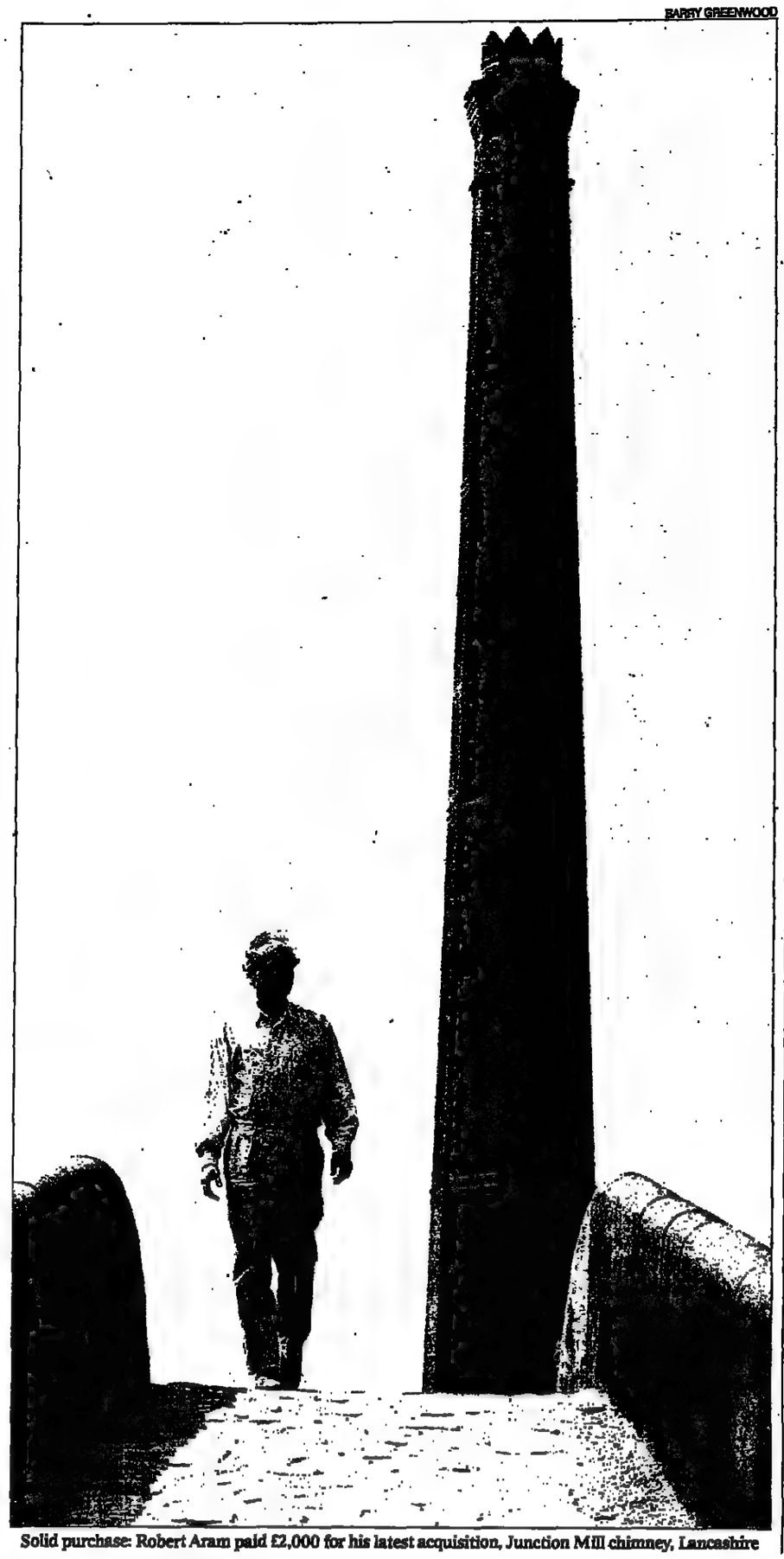
He visited Hebden Bridge in the Pennines and walked along the canal towards neighbouring Todmorden, four miles away. "As I walked, I approached two magnificent chimneys on the canal bank," he says. "At that time, government grants were available as part of an Operation Eyesore to rid the country of derelict buildings. I knew these could include chimneys.

"But eyesores are in the eye of the beholder and I accept many people are not as attracted as I am to relics of the industrial revolution. I decided to save them where I could."

When Mr Aram is considering buying a chimney, he likes to climb it. He employs a steeplejack to ladder the chimney and usually goes up following the professional, who accepts his request for a photograph at the top as proof for the doubters.

"The biggest one I've climbed was 318ft and took 28 ladders," he says. Despite the ordeal of the climb, that sale fell through.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Solid purchase: Robert Aram paid £2,000 for his latest acquisition, Junction Mill chimney, Lancashire

Rivers, ravines and raw beauty

Buyer's France

THE ARDECHE

The Ardèche is a wild, craggy region to the west of the Rhône valley, in the foothills of the Massif Central. Arid in the south, where the spectacular Gorges de l'Ardèche cut through the region with deep ravines and fast-flowing rivers, it is ruggedly beautiful.

It is a popular area for activity holidays, including canoeing and white-water rafting, horse-riding and cycling. Summer visitors include naturists, since *le camping sauvage* (in the nude) is not frowned upon here.

The north is greener and more fertile, famous for the chestnuts that grow there in profusion, with a mild winter climate and a fair amount of rain. The principal town of the Ardèche is Privas, noted for its chestnut-based preserves, including the delicious *marrons glacés*.

There are some attractive small towns, including Aubenas, Vals-les-Bains, Thueyts, Burzet and L'Argentière. Holiday homes in the Ardèche are generally cheaper than in more sought-after areas of the south.

Old stone village houses offer the best value. Typically with two or three bedrooms, shabby but habitable, with a roof terrace but no garden, prices start at about FFr180,000 (£21,687). Fully restored, with central heating and a modernised kitchen and bath, the same house might fetch FFr400,000-500,000.

Situated in a peaceful hamlet in the southern Ardèche, near the old market town of Aubenas and the spectacular Gorges de L'Ardèche, the pretty restored village house shown here is for sale at FFr450,000 (including agency fees). The nearest international airport is Montpellier, about two-and-a-half hours by road.

Stone-built on three floors, under a shallow, terracotta-tiled roof, the property has been modernised, with central heating. It has a fitted kitchen, living-room and wine cellar at ground level; a large room with open stone fireplace, galleried area and bathroom on the first floor; two bedrooms upstairs; plus a tiny garden in front of the house and a patch of land nearby.

The UK agent is Nigel Paige, Anvil Cottage, Stourton Caundle, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2JN (0963 63504).

Although not remote, parts of the Ardèche are fairly inaccessible, with few main roads. It is about ten hours' drive from Calais, and about two and a half hours from the international airports at Montpellier or Lyons.

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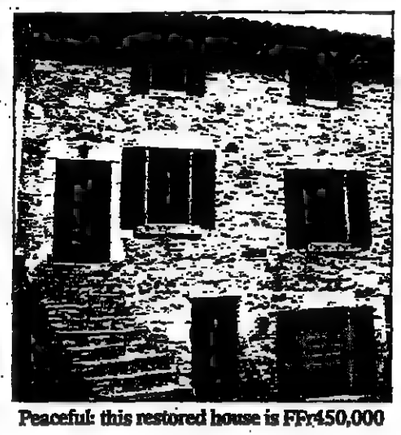

Peaceful: this restored house is FFr450,000

Surveying the French scene

Property surveys are not as common in France as they are here, and since most British purchasers seek older, cheaper properties, often needing extensive, expensive restoration, this can lead to problems.

British buyers who are worried about hidden defects, or would like an opinion on work that needs doing, should ask around in the area for a recommendation to a local French *géomètre-expert*, architect or *maître d'oeuvres*, who is willing to do a full, structural survey. Unless your French is very good, you will need to pay for a translation of the report.

Alternatively, there are a number of British surveyors and building specialists based in France who will carry out surveys and supervise restoration work on French properties. Check references carefully, and do not to deal with anyone who wants large sums in advance.

David Marr Associates, based in Tarn-et-Garonne (Jambes, 82160 Puylagarde, France, 010 33 63 65 71 41) will carry out full surveys for prospective British buyers in south-west France (and further afield), supply costings on work that needs to be done, and if requested, undertake the restoration work themselves. A detailed condition report on an average house costs £120, plus travelling expenses.

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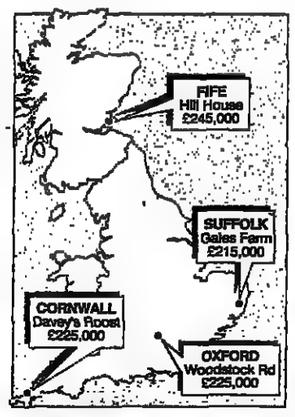
What can you buy for £225,000?

A Devon cottage or an Oxford townhouse, says **Caroline Morse**



Fife: Hill House, Kilconquhar. An early 19th-century former manse with 1½ acres, a mile from the coast. Six bedrooms, dressing room, two bathrooms, three reception rooms, kitchen, and cellars. £245,000. Contact ESPC (031-226 3891).

Cornwall: Davey's Roost, St Agnes. Modern split-level thatched cottage. Two double bedrooms, triangular lounge overlooking gardens, open-plan dining room with kitchen/breakfast room. About £225,000. Contact Miller & Company (0872 74211).

Oxford: 97 Woodstock Road. Grade II listed town house with walled garden, close to university parks. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, two reception rooms and cellar. About £225,000. Contact John D. Wood (0865 311522).

Suffolk: Gales Farm, Peasenhall, three miles west of Yoxford. Grade II listed farmhouse with barn and 2½ acres. Six bedrooms, three reception rooms and study. About £215,000. Contact Strutt & Parker (0473 214841).

Shell-seeker's berth

A guided tour round Rosamunde Pilcher's Scottish home-from-home above a bank

It came as no surprise to her friends that Rosamunde Pilcher had bought herself a holiday home. As the author of *The Shell Seekers* and *September*, she could now, in her sixties, afford an idyllic white-washed cottage in, say, her native Cornwall, or a geranium-clad villa somewhere hot.

So why, they asked, had she bought a first-floor flat in the middle of Dornoch, on the east coast of Sutherland, a royal burgh known only for its championship golf course and the fact that it happens to be the last town in Scotland to have burnt a witch at the stake? A flat, moreover, above a bank and opposite a cathedral that is floodlit all night long.

"Everyone thought I had bought a poky little flat, but it's not at all. It's like the Tardis," Mrs Pilcher says, relaxing in the secluded walled garden at the back of the Bank of Scotland. "We can sleep ten here. Yes, that bottom window is the bank manager's office; the poor man has to look at us all in the garden. But upstairs is us."

Mrs Pilcher and her husband, Graham, have been coming to the Dornoch area for the past ten years, not least because Mr Pilcher, now retired from the jute industry in Dundee, is a golfer, and the town is only a three-hour drive north from their home near Dundee.

Mrs Pilcher bought the flat two years ago for £45,000. Everything seemed right about it: well-equipped and decorated. It takes four minutes to the golf course and five to the beach. Grant's, the Spar shop, is across the road. The butcher is excellent, as is the baker. There is even a good bookshop.

The stairs from the garden emerge on to a rather grand first-floor landing, with an archway. The kitchen has fitted and flush everything. Their bedroom, still in what she calls "Mrs Bank Manager" pale pink, faces the cathedral, but they seem unworried by the floodlighting. Framed covers of her books hang about modestly in corners. The double Victorian wardrobe in the bedroom was the couple's present to one another.

The drawing-room, high and handsome with cornice mouldings, has been furnished with finds from a favourite shop in Dundee. The carriage clock on the mantelpiece came from British Home Stores, as did the lamps and shades.

The Pilchers had a seat put in the bay window overlooking the High Street and cathedral, where Mr Pilcher says, the Reverend James Simpson preaches a rattling good sermon. They can sit round the table in the bay window on sunny days, reading, eating, drinking or hailing passing friends.

They lend the flat free to friends and family. The top-floor rooms are generally reserved for children and grandchildren. Mrs Pilcher is much in favour of bucket-and-spade holidays. "I don't think children really enjoy going to hot, concrete swimming pools abroad," she says. Here they could bike to Embo, up the coast, with its rocks and pools, picnics and beaches.

And then there's the garden, gradually being hacked into shape largely by visiting friends (Mrs Pilcher likes gardens but admits to not being a keen gardener). Her son, Mark, has rebuilt a bit of the garden wall and demolished a rockery; and a summer house was discovered under a jungle of ivy.

ALASTAIR ROBERTSON

Serviced apartment: the Pilchers opposite Dornoch cathedral

Heap of the week: Dunmore Park

Golf takes a swing at history

DUNMORE Park, between Glasgow and Edinburgh, has been empty and decaying for nearly 30 years, although the masonry shell, mullioned windows, battlemented parapets, barley-sugar chimneys and a host of armorial seals are in good condition.

Now Scotland's Central Regional Council has given planning permission for its conversion into a conference hall, with leisure and golf complex and residential units in the grounds. This despite strong objections from the Scottish Civic Trust *et al*, arguing that applications affecting such an important historic house should have been submitted in detail before a planning application was considered.

Four listed buildings are involved: the house built in 1820-22 for the Earl of Dunmore, the stables, old Elphinstone Castle and the pineapple-shaped folly.

Planning officers are now trying to tie down the spate of commissions with conditions, but the best that can be hoped for is that the permissions will expire before anything is built.

MARCUS BINNEY

● *Further details from David Gillespie of Kelvin Homes (0236 421415).*

Decaying: Dunmore Park

With a sip, sniff and swirl

Robin Young tastes astonishing wines at a good price in Broadstairs

I might have been discouraged, setting out for a wine appreciation weekend at the Royal Albion Hotel in Broadstairs, by the misspellings in the printed programme (Crément for Crémant, Reisling for Riesling, Gewürtztraminer for Gewürztraminer), and by the fact that another newspaper had already declared "there is no decent hotel in Broadstairs".

You, though, need not be put off. Good wines need no bush, and do not have to be correctly spelt to be appreciated.

The Royal Albion is family-run and is a Logis of Great Britain, overlooking Viking Bay. If it were a Logis de France it would be worth a couple of stars in the *notation nationale*, and would be claimed as a discovery by travel correspondents from Britain.

Charles Dickens, who was immoderately fond of Broadstairs, where he holidayed as a boy and returned frequently as a famous novelist, was among the Albion's satisfied customers in the past. He wrote parts of *Nicholas Nickleby* and *Oliver Twist* there.

In a letter urging his friend Thomas Beard to come and stay, Dickens wrote: "Ballard has got some port wine which is quite remarkable — for a place like this, really astonishing."

The task of keeping Broadstairs supplied with astonishing wines nowadays falls to hotelier Ballard's successors, Peter Roger and his family, who own the Royal Albion and Marchesi's restaurant a couple of doors away. Their wine weekends are tutored by Conal Gregory, a Master of Wine and, until the last election, MP for York.

A recent weekend programme was devoted to Alsace and the Rhône and started with a six-course "gourmet dinner", priced at £60 (including wines), as an individual event. Getting to know my fellow guests over a glass of Crémant d'Alsace, it quickly became obvious that most were regulars, and already knowledgeable.

"This wine scores 92 in Parker," Lin Beckett told me of the *grand cru* Schlossberg Riesling which accompanied a fillet of wild salmon. A mark of 92 means that Robert M. Parker Jr, the head honcho of American wine-tasters, has recognised the wine as "an outstanding wine of great complexity and character".

MICHAEL POWELL

A wine class of their own: Peter Roger (left) and others with discerning palates at the Royal Albion

Mr Gregory, who introduced the wines between courses, suggested we might be committing "a little bit of infanticide" drinking the Schlossberg. That held no one back. There followed a St Joseph 1985 and Domaine Vieux Telegraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape 1988 to accompany beef Wellington. "Very clear Syrah," Mr Gregory said of the St Joseph. "I always get the metallic smell of opening tinned fish." "Yes," Ms Beckett said, snuffling in her glass, "pilchards."

Comparisons were no less imaginative for the scent of the Châteauneuf. "Cinnamon," said one. "Bleach," ventured another.

Then we had 1978 Côte Rôtie with cheeses, 1983 *vendange tardive* Gewürztraminer with galia melon and raspberries, and *eau-de-vie de framboises* with coffee.

"I do not think the Rhône wines were anything special," said a self-professed burgundy addict. Mr Gregory was unabashed. "The Côte Rôtie would be in the order of £18 or £19 retail," he said. "We give you the chance of tasting several exceptional wines with appropriate food, wines which you would possibly be unable or unwilling to buy for yourself."

On Saturday we were offered the opportunity to visit a local vineyard and winery, St Nicholas, at Ash near Canterbury, which won the White Cliffs Country Wine of the Year award for its dry 1989 Schönburger (£5.20 a bottle).

Saturday dinner (five courses, six wines, priced at £30) brought in additional weekenders. On Sunday morning even larger numbers arrived for a comparative tasting of Alsace wines from Hugel and from Madame Faller's Domaine Weinbach, a favourite of Parker's and of mine. The event was £4 a head, or £2.50 for members of the Confrairie de St Vincent, a French wine appreciation society.

Even though I disagreed with most of what Mr Gregory said about the wines, no one could quibble at the price, and this time I learnt from my neighbour, who formerly worked for a firm factoring fining agents, where isinglass comes from. Despite what the wine books tell you, it isn't sturgeons.

Other wine weekends

☐ *Royal Albion Hotel, Albion Street, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 1LU (0843 868071, fax 0843 861509)*
Wine weekend as described in the text costs £195 single and £290 double. Future wine weekends are planned.

☐ *Gidleigh Park, Chagford, Devon, TQ13 8HH (0647 432367/ 432225)*
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☐ *Crathorne Hall Hotel, Crathorne, near Yarm, Cleveland, TS15 0AR (0642 700398, fax 0642 700814)*
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Grow your own wild mushrooms

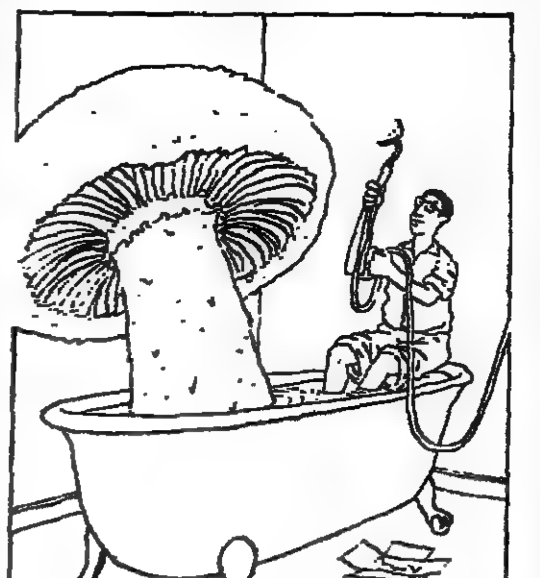
Now cheating gourmets can cultivate their own exotic fungi

It is time we tamed the wild mushroom. At this time of the year flamboyant fungi burst into the public prints as though the mycelia had been quietly consuming newspapers' critical faculties all year and had at last borne fruit.

Like the mushrooms themselves, enthusiasm for collecting them springs up in the most unexpected places. An art gallery in St James's, London, one of several now for sale, has a sign of the times in the window: "If not here I have gone mushrooming".

What the autumnal crop of newspaper articles about wild mushrooms conveniently forgets to emphasise is that, quite apart from the handful of mistaken identities which could kill you, and the larger number which might make you unforgettably sick, even the most deliciously palatable fungoidal food-for-free is liable to have been heavily sucked, browsed or slimed on by slugs, nibbled by squirrels, interfered with by mice and voles, and infested with fly maggots.

Why limit this perhaps over-fastidious consumer complaint to food-for-free? At Carluccio's shop in Covent Garden, central London, wild mushrooms come, hand-gathered by experts, very far from free. Antonio Carluccio, who also runs The Neal Street Restaurant next door, is an enthusiast for wild mushrooms and delights in picking them himself. Mr Carluccio is also author of the glossy book *A Passion for Mushrooms* (Pavilion Michael Joseph, £16.95).



At his shop, typical prices for ceps and chanterelles are £2.40 to £3.50 for 100g (or up to £16 per lb), the uncleaned weight to include dirt, pine needles and cowpat stains which prove the authenticity of the items' truly rustic provenance.

My wife bought three expensive, but delightfully packaged, horse mushrooms from Carluccio's. All were properly filthy, and when I trimmed the stems two proved to be maggoty as well. Perhaps I do not need to add that, at the price, I scoffed the lot regardless, but one can understand that many would not have been so squeamless. (A later purchase of ceps had their stems split and examined by staff for signs of infestation before being allowed out of the shop.)

Perhaps all this is why we spend more on cultivated mushrooms than on any other vegetables, except tomatoes and potatoes.

Yet despite the extravagant variety of species available in the wild, almost the whole of our professionally raised crop is one sort, *agaricus bisporus*. Buttons, closed cups, open cups and large flats are all *bisporus*, harvested at different stages of development. Even brown-capped mushrooms are a selected strain of the same thing. The taste difference between a brown-cap cultivated mushroom and a white-capped one is much the same difference as that between brown and white shelled eggs.

If you want wild mushrooms, why not grow your own? Suzanne Lucas, who lives at Mere in Wiltshire, has produced more than 200 varieties in her half-acre garden, encouraging them by a policy of absolute neglect. "Never pick up a leaf, burn a rotten bough or disturb the soil," she says, "and the fungi will come." Admittedly, she does not discourage them by eating them: she paints them, and has won 13 gold medals from the Royal Horticultural Society for her meticulous studies, soon to be published in book form under the title *In Praise of Toadstools*.

For those who want quicker results, and guaranteed edibility, there are kits for grow-your-own "wild" mushrooms. Wentworth Exotic Mushrooms, of Egham, Surrey, sells growing bags primed with colourful varieties of *pleurotus* (oyster mushrooms) at £7.99. "It seems to be a rather vogueish thing now," says Peter Hawton, who runs Wentworth Exotic Mushrooms with his wife, Stephanie.

There is pearly grey *ostreatus*; a bright yellow sold as *cornucopiae*, though it is more colourful than any *pleurotus cornucopiae* to be found wild on oak and elm stumps in Britain; a brown *pulmonarius*, again unlike the white, fan-shaped brackets which go by that name in our wild larder; a shocking pink called *samoneostramineus*, which grows wild in Asia; and brown *sajor caju*, from the same continent.

They all flourish in black bags full of sterilised straw. Make small slits in the bag and after ten days, if the bag is kept at 60F with 85-90 per cent humidity and gets six hours of light a day, the mushrooms sprout forth in overlapping bunches. The pack produces 2-5lb in three or four flushes at about ten-day intervals.

The grey, pink and yellow varieties are on sale (ready-grown) in Sainsbury's and other supermarkets, and have found favour with chefs, who retain the colours by steaming (rather than frying) them, and then quickly glazing them with butter or oil.

Other wild mushrooms are likely to go commercial within a year. Two candidates are *lepista nuda*, the wood blewit, and *lepiota procera*, the parasol. There is a Canadian patented process for producing morels, *although* no one in Britain has managed to make it work yet, but *flammulina*, the velvet shank, is a synch, Mr Hawton says.

James Heale, of Smithy Mushrooms at Scarisbrick, Lancashire, who grows mostly oyster mushrooms but is experimenting with others, agrees: "It has not been impossible to grow wild mushrooms in the past, only unprofitable. That could all be changing."

R.Y.

● *Wentworth Exotic Mushrooms, 1 Hurst Lane, Egham, Surrey, TW20 8QJ (0344 842795); sells grow-your-own exotic mushrooms by mail order at £7.99, including p&p. Smithy Mushrooms, 229 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick, Lancs L40 8HL (0704 840982).*

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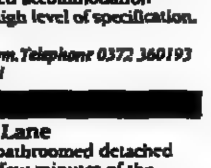

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Scourge of Napoleon, friend of Dickens

George Cruikshank illustrated Dickens and was among our greatest satirical cartoonists. **John Russell Taylor** looks at a show marking his bicentenary

There is a certain irony in the fact that the name George Cruikshank first summons to most minds these days an image of Oliver asking for more or Fagin cowering in his cell. We think of him first and foremost as a Dickens illustrator. Of course, he did illustrate Dickens, and established a very close collaboration — so close that in old age he claimed to have originated both the books they worked on together, *Sketches by Boz* and *Oliver Twist*, supplying pictures to which Dickens then wrote the text.

This is clearly nonsense, though it seemed Dickens wrote *Oliver Twist* at least with the idea that it should be suitable for Cruikshank to illustrate. But Cruikshank's specialness (to call it by its most tactful name) was also no doubt the reason that they did not work together more frequently.

The show at the Museum of the Order of St John, celebrating the bicentenary of Cruikshank's birth, both fills in the details of his quirkiness and puts it into perspective. Even as a young man he was obsessive and given to bees in his bonnet: that much is clear from the first volume of Robert L. Patton's promised two-volume biography, which goes up as far as 1835 and so leaves another 43 years for volume two. Cruikshank's own political opinions in his early years as a cartoonist are a quagmire waiting to engulf the unwary student. At least we can say of him, as of the Angry Young Men of the 1950s, that it is clear enough what he is angry about (virtually everything), but far from clear what it is he is in favour of.

The political cartoons from the Napoleonic Wars to the Regency are pungent and raucous. Cruikshank does not like Napoleon (what red-blooded Englishman then would?) but he does not have much time for the revived Bourbon dynasty either, and cannot be persuaded to draw one good line around the Prince Regent and his court.

So he does not like kings and emperors of whatever nation? Perhaps. But he is also worried by the mob and anything savouring of the people's voice, un-nannied. Near the end of his life he still continues, in images like those very much of his youth, to excoriate the red menace of the Commune, which, rather than Napoleon III, he blames for all France's ills.

In the 19th century Cruikshank was constantly compared with Hogarth. The parallel seems very faulty now. Hogarth was, in his way, the model of balance and good sense. Some of his print series undeniably draw a moral, but they are general, commonsense morals that few are likely to disagree with. Cruikshank early got a thing about the demon drink, fidgeting about it years before he took the pledge in 1847.

Once he had taken that step there was no stopping him. Out poured books and pamphlets, single prints and series, all harping on the one topic. But other bees jockeyed for position in his bonnet, a singularly crowded accessory even by Victorian standards. He must have been extremely difficult to know. But then, who would expect a satirist, let alone a prophet, to be a real nice guy and comfortable to be with?

And he was an extraordinary draughtsman. Whether he etched his own designs, or handed them over for realisation to amazingly skilled journeyman woodblock-makers, his economy of line is dazzling, his ability to capture a whole (usually grotesque) character in a silhouette or a single absurd feature is unequalled. It is tempting to compare him with Rowlandson rather than Hogarth.

But such a comparison suggests the limits of Cruikshank's style. The crudities are never quite so crude, but Rowlandson can summon up poetry in the midst of attacking folly, while Cruikshank always remained stubbornly prose. But what prose. And if prose was good enough for Dickens, there is no reason why it should not have been good enough for his illustrator also.

"His economy of line is dazzling": *A Radical Reformer*, 1819, by George Cruikshank, included in "Cruikshank 200"

● Cruikshank 200 *is at the Museum of the Order of St John, St John's Gate, St John's Lane, Farringdon, London EC1 (071-253 6644). Daily, 11am-4pm, until October 21.*
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THEATRE

Still fun despite a squeeze

No Flies on Mr Hunter
Chelsea Centre

SPACE and speed are the essence of farce, the former necessary to the latter. The small stage of the Chelsea Centre therefore provides some problems for Janet Suzman's direction of this lesser known Feydeau (it appeared as *Monsieur Chasse!* in 1892).

The crucial central act, in a *maison de rendezvous*, with its swift exits, entrances, concealments and general panic, saw furniture overturned, bottles smashed and doors blocked. If the authentic frenzy of farce only fitfully flickered, however, a gentler, more English sort of comedy proved pleasing.

The plot is standard stuff. A wife, piqued to discover her husband's hunting trip is a cover for infidelity, vengefully gives in to an importunate seducer. Of course, the lover's lodgings turn out to be across the landing from where the errant husband is being unfaithful. A scapegrace student nephew adds to a tangle whose strands further include a comic police inspector, a bucolic cuckold and a mock-genteel landlady.

Peter Kenvyn's adaptation sets these priapic prancings in Edwardian London. The jokes range from fairly coarse modernity to cheerfully excruciating puns; the lines that spring from character rather than verbal gags are quite funny.

This is best illustrated by Sally Mates, whose landlady is a cooing blend of fractured refinement and befuddled dignity, warbling snatches of *Carmen*, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", and even (anachronistically) Bernstein's *Candide*. With only one character on stage, the mood is expansive, the comedy has room to relax. Elsewhere in this scene, Paul Edwards's handsome design of printed black and white backcloth and black furniture seems cluttered, with fatal results in pace.

The last act is stolidly earth-bound; humour evaporates during the lengthy dialogue as the clockwork intricacy of the plot plays itself out. This may explain the work's comparative rarity (Watford saw it as *The Birdwatcher*, with Prunella Scales, in 1969).

Faintly resembling Swinburne, Simon Wright hits the right style, combining the physically flexible with the frantically manic, as the wife's aspiring paramour, a doctor with the taste for poetics. Alistair Petrie brings a dash of Wodehouse to his professional stage debut as the young nephew. The rest are willing.

MARTIN HOYLE

RECORDS: David Sinclair on Prince and R.E.M. and **Clive Davis** on Courtney Pine and Stan Getz

Yet another royal variety performance

Prince: his latest album, the second with New Power Generation, may be his best since *Sign O' The Times*

Subterranean bass rumblings and soaring gospel harmonies; biblical verse and unrepeatable profanities; gentle, upmarket soul and full-frontal rap; ballads and bombast; funk, fusion and frills: it could only be the new album by **Prince**. He has such a restlessly versatile touch that even his most casual admirers have learnt to expect the unexpected. Maintaining his position as rock's most fecund superstar, the diminutive powerhouse returns with another 75 minutes of hyperactive bustle, barely a year after his previous opus *Diamonds and Pearls*.

Bearing as its title a mysteriously embellished, gender-denoting hieroglyph, *The "Symbol" Album* (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 9362-45037-2) is conceived as a "fantasy rock soap opera" and apparently tells the tale of the troubled relationship between a pop superstar (who can it be?) and the beautiful, but possibly underaged princess of a fictional Middle Eastern kingdom. Although the narrative is difficult to divine from the lyrics alone, the drama and high-speed action are all there.

This is Prince's second album with the **New Power Generation**. After a shaky start the band is now proving its mettle, with some particularly sharp contributions from the horn section, notably on "Sexy M.F.". With tracks ranging from the powerhouse funk of "My Name is Prince" to the smoochy string arrangements of "Damn U", it is probably Prince's best album since *Sign O' The Times*, and certainly the most lively.

In marked contrast to the relentless activity of Prince's album, there is a calm at the heart of **R.E.M.**'s latest masterwork, *Automatic For The People* (Warner Bros 9362-45055-2). There are few accolades left to bestow on this faintly quirky, left-field band whose albums so unerringly capture the hearts of mainstream rock fans.

Perhaps it is the way in which they trawl so many sources for inspiration — from Southern country twang to the Celtic folk of northern Europe — and yet still sound like an authentic part of the rock-'n'-roll tradition that is their peculiar claim to greatness. *Automatic For The People* is a quiet, reflective collection as R.E.M. albums go, but there is brooding emotional power and a lingering sense of loss in tracks like "Sweetness Follows" and the single "Drive". Few other acts can boast such gravitas yet still touch such a personal chord.

DAVID SINCLAIR

When he appeared at this year's Brecon Festival **Courtney Pine** was billed as the "Sunday supplements' favourite" — a back-handed compliment if ever there was one. Six years after the first explosion of media publicity, the mention of his name still causes gnashing of teeth in some quarters.

None of his previous albums, it has to be said, has lived up to the initial clamour. He has been his own worst enemy at times, especially when reeling out his wearisome impersonations of John Coltrane. Still, while no one would claim that *To the Eyes of Creation* (Island 9998-514044) amounts to a masterpiece, it contains some of his most thoughtful — and accessible — work so far.

Like its predecessors, the album comes laden with all manner of stylistic influences, some assimilated more thoroughly than others. Traditional jazz standards are noticeably absent, giving Pine the opportunity to piece together his own black British identity. Slowly but surely the fragments are taking shape.

That long-winded, hectoring tone is still present on some tracks, yet elsewhere Pine sounds remarkably self-effacing, content to immerse himself in the collective sound. The mood veers from the strident, Coltrane-esque reading of "Psalm" to the gentle soul clubber's beat of "Life Goes Around" (vocals courtesy of Juliet Roberts) and — most enjoyable of all — the infectious reggae pulse of "Eastern Standard Time". "Redemption Song", the Bob Marley lament, proves a disappointment, the cloying keyboard backing and Pine's soprano saxophone more reminiscent of the muzak-maker Kenny G.

Re-issued performances by the late **Stan Getz** are hardly thin on the ground, but *Stan Getz at the Shrine* (Verve 513753), a live set from 1954, is of particular interest — despite the uneven sound quality — since it pairs the saxophonist with the inventive valve trombonist Bob Brookmeyer. Getz's later live recordings (*Spring is Here*, a concert recording from 1981, is another recent release) are rightly admired, but this disc will appeal to listeners who prefer more concise readings, not to mention the subtle shadings provided by Brookmeyer's counterpoint.

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Puzzling trio leave the audience wanting less rather than more

DANCE

Skite
The Place, Euston

AN EVENING featuring three batty-looking women soloists did not serve as a good advertisement for the enterprising project called Skite, in its inaugural year. An international jamboree of workshops partly funded (this year, at least) by the European Arts Festival and by French sources, Skite attracted 60 dancers and choreographers, musicians and artists from all over the world.

They gathered in Paris for four weeks and then almost half of them came on to The Place, to present work from their respective repertoires over four nights, with the final performance devoted to what emerged from the Skite sessions.

Vera Mantero from Portugal, "a dissident classical dancer" whose "casual virtuosity is close to impertinence", according to a programme note, opened the first evening. Brusquely energetic, with a wedge of frizzy chestnut hair shooting out from her head and tossing like an integral part of the choreography, she moved with demented staccato impulses, slicing and twisting to the beat of intermittent jazz music from Thelonious Monk.

Maybe it was a bitter satire on a ballerina's lot — or there again, maybe not. But it might explain the title (*Perhaps She Could Dance First and Think Afterwards*) and the melting wax feet that hung curiously about the stage.

Liljana Zagorac from Croatia and Meg Stuart from the USA both played with restricted movement that was exhaustively repeated so as to grind you into the ground.

Zagorac, who bases her work on improvisation, proclaimed an obsession with circles. Dressed in black, she reiterated one wild arching motif after another, ad nauseam, in *Without Control*; blindfolded and dressed in green, she sat and extravagantly swayed her torso in her second solo, *Hope*.

Stuart stood in *Thought Object*, but also seemed rooted to the spot, her tormented stance apparently a metaphor for the American metropolis. Her solo became freer and more expansive towards the end, but not before lengthy writhings in the shadows, as though afflicted by cramp.

All three women seemed to be trying to grasp some intangible quality through dance, but failing to communicate their intentions. One uncharitable member of the audience muttered "they certainly need those Paris workshops."

Perhaps they were searching for a spirituality: a concern that dominated the community in 15th-century Russia from which Skite takes its name.

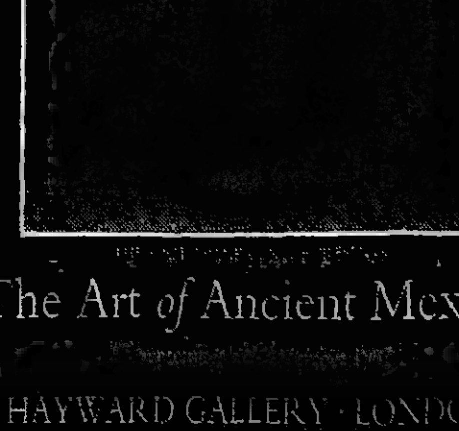
NADINE MEISNER

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Winner by a nose

"Aside from the hundreds of thousands, possibly even millions, of teenage girls for whom it must represent some kind of erotic ideal, few people have had a kind word for Michael Jackson's face. And the recent announcement, or rumour, that he would like to play the lead in The Phantom of the Opera will merely reinforce a general suspicion that he himself is somewhere conscious of the phantasmagorically *joli-laid* ambiguity of his own appearance . . ."

Gilbert Adair, in the first of a regular column in The Culture, on the made-to-measure glamour of the man behind the mask — The Sunday Times tomorrow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BBC1

7.25 News and weather (7002045) **7.30 Quick Draw McGraw** (r) (4397861) **7.35 Spider**. Musical cartoon fun (r) (s) (4396132) **7.40 Animal World** with Derek Griffiths (s) (4211497) **7.50 Littl' Bits**. Adventures of the forest pixies (r) (3313584) **8.15 Chucklevision**. The brothers cause more mayhem (s) (7297565) **8.35 Bucky O'Hare**. Space-age cartoon (r) (9095671)

9.00 Going Live! Sally Gunnell, Curtis Stigers, Samantha Beckinsale, Ross Boatman and Cynthia Moss join Phillip Schofield, Sarah Greene and Kristian Schmid (s) (64119010) **12.12 Weather** (4579403)

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Wentworth. The line-up includes (subject to alteration): **12.20 Football:** Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker look forward to England's opening World Cup qualifying match against Norway on Wednesday; **1.00 News 1.05, 2.35** and **3.05 Golf**: semi-finals of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth; **1.55, 2.25** and **2.55** Racing from Ascot: Autumn Stakes **(2.00)**, Princess Royal Stakes **(2.30)**, Bovis stakes **(3.00)**; **2.05** Touring Cars: final round of the Esso British touring car championship from Silverstone **4.40 Final Score** (12397923)

5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (5667519) **5.15 Regional news** and weather (8672316). Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on Saturday

5.20 Dad's Army. Classic comedy series by Jimmy Perry and David Croft concerning the antics of a village's bumbling Home Guard (r). (Ceefax) (8243359)

5.50 Big Break. Jim Davidson and John Virgo are joined by Paul Davies, Alan McManus and Steve James in the innocuous snooker game show. (Ceefax) (s) (531687)

6.20 Bobby Davro — Public Enemy Number 1. More naive members of the public fall for ludicrous practical jokes while Lionel Blair, Jean Boht, John Leslie and Nina Myskow join Bobby Davro in the studio. (Ceefax) (s) (400855)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Four couples compete for the prizes on the conveyor belt. With Rosemarie Ford. (Ceefax) (s) (2497)

Bound for hospital: Dora Bryan plays a shoplifter (8.00pm)

8.00 Casualty. Gritty medical drama set in the accident and emergency department of an overstretched city hospital. An elderly shoplifter (Dora Bryan) passes out in a supermarket. (Ceefax) (s) (337381)

8.50 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (226331)

9.10 Film: Renegades (1989). Kiefer Sutherland and Lou Diamond Phillips star as unwilling allies in a quest for justice and revenge. A lively but formula thriller, directed by Jack Sholder. (Ceefax) (s) (61626590)

10.50 Film: Pulp (1972). Comedy thriller starring Michael Caine as a pulp-fiction writer hired by Mickey Rooney to ghost-write his memoirs on a Mediterranean island. Dennis Price and Lionel Stander lend eccentric support and writer-director Mike Hodges has the right playful touch (7672316)

12.20am Golf. Steve Rider introduces highlights from the semi-finals of the Toyota World Match Play from Wentworth (5903850)

1.10 Weather (3700904)

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BBC2

8.00 Open University

9.05 Film: Under Californian Stars (1948). Roy Rogers rescues horse *Trigger from a gang of rustlers in an anodyne minor western.* Directed by William Witney (4914300)

10.25 Film: The Marx Brothers Go West (1940, b/w). Groucho, Chico and Harpo are a notch below their top form but there are still hilarious moments.Directed by Edward Buzzell (3614565)

11.45 So You Want To Play Golf. In the first of a six-part series Peter Alliss gives tips on tee shots, rules and golfing gadgets (489774)

12.15 Film: The Treasure of Pancho Villa (1955) starring Rory Calhoun and Shelley Winters. In turn-of-the-century Mexico an American adventurer and a guerrilla leader seize a fortune in gold from a train. Routine adventure, directed by George Sherman (722836)

1.50 Network East. Asian magazine programme. Includes an interview with Michael Ondaatje, whose novel *The English Patient* is a favourite to win the Booker Prize; and a profile of Vijay Singh, the world's top Asian golfer (s) (93554381)

2.20 In Search of the Dead. The second of three programmes in which scientists look for evidence of life after death (2831671)

3.00 Diamantina. An artist, a naturalist and a cartographer make an epic raft journey along Australia's River Diamantina, which is usually a dry bed and flows only once or twice a century (2494045)

3.50 Film: Elmer Gantry (1960) starring Burt Lancaster as a con-man who becomes a hell-fire preacher in order to woo a beautiful woman (Jean Simmons). A powerful, Oscar-laden film from writer-director Richard Brooks (82072478)

6.10 Late Again. Highlights from last week's *The Late Show* (s) (222519)

6.55 News and sport with Moira Stuart. Weather (755328)

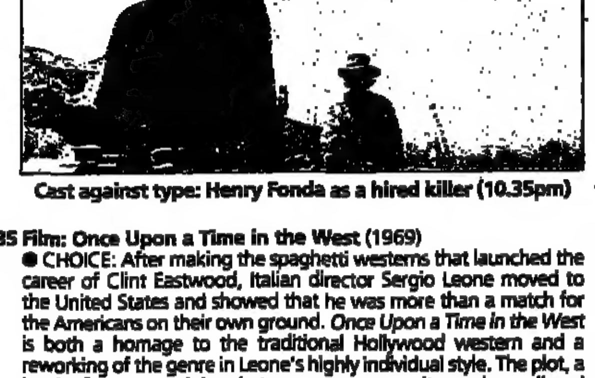
7.10 Lock, Stock and Barrel. Twenty years ago Idi Amin ejected 50,000 Asians from Uganda. Now the country wants them back to help to rebuild its shattered economy (s) (702010)

8.10 Music on Two: The Secret Island.

● CHOICE: A season of documentaries about 20th-century music is launched with a profile of the Russian composer and pianist, Sergei Rachmaninov. The approach is thematic rather than chronological and does not claim to be exhaustive. The second piano concerto, which thanks to *Brief Encounter* is probably his best-known work, is not mentioned. There is no explanation of his decision to go into exile after the 1917 revolution, though the effect of exile is a central preoccupation of the film. Written by the British composer Gerald McBurney, *Secret Island* is an attempt to rescue Rachmaninov from the image of the tortured romantic. Some of the music may suggest this but there plenty of counter evidence, not least from home movies showing Rachmaninov in relaxed and skittish mood with his adored family (s) (266774)

9.10 Testament of Youth. The *War and Peace* season continues with the second part of Elaine Morgan's fine adaptation of the book by Vera Brittain. War breaks out and the spirited Vera (Cheryl Campbell) in not allowed to take her place at Oxford (r) (934039)

10.05 The Brain Drain. Sandy Toksvig, Alan Coren, Steve Frost and Tony Hawks join Jimmy Mulville to discuss the meaning of life (s) (934687)



Cast against type: Henry Fonda as a hired killer (10.35pm)

10.35 Film: Once Upon a Time in the West (1969)

● CHOICE: After making the spaghetti westerns that launched the career of Clint Eastwood, Italian director Sergio Leone moved to the United States and showed that he was more than a match for the Americans on their own ground. *Once Upon a Time in the West* is both a homage to the traditional Hollywood western and a reworking of the genre in Leone's highly individual style. The plot, a battle for water rights between a community and a railroad company, is a familiar one but Leone embellishes it with his baroque visual style, brooding atmosphere and sudden eruptions of violence. Henry Fonda, cast against type as the villain, is pitted against Claudia Cardinale's spirited New Orleans widow in a story developed by Leone and Bernardo Bertolucci. The film is notable for a credit sequence that lasts 12 minutes. (Ceefax) (19607316). Ends at **1.20am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am (6001478)

9.25 What's Up Doc? Yvette Fielding, Andy Crane and Pat Sharpe are joined by Paul Usher and Brian Regan (s) (79267738)

11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies featuring Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* and a new version of *Wuthering Heights* (8519)

12.00 The ITV Chart Show. The Sex Pistols perform "Pretty Vacant" in the Video Vault slot (s) (14300)

1.00 News and weather (22194403) **1.05 LWT News** (22193774)

1.10 Starting from Scratch. Comedy series about a small-town vet (68373497)

1.40 Film: Treasure of the Golden Condor (1953). Dim costume drama starring Cornel Wilde as a disinherited adventurer on the path of hidden treasure. Directed by Delmer Daves (38815687)

3.20 Stuntmasters (4010923)

3.50 WCW Wrestling from America (6871377)

4.40 News and weather (4247565) ***5.00 LWT News*** (8677861)

5.05 Cartoon Time (r) (7648229)

5.20 You Bet! with Matthew Kelly (5769942)

Brute force: host Ulrika Jonsson and muscle men (6.20pm)

6.20 Gladiators

● CHOICE: A game show format imported from the United States pits superfit members of the public against the Gladiators, a team of muscle men and women who rejoice in such names as Scorpio, Lightning, Panther and Cobra. The idea is that the contestants endeavour to amass points by various feats of athleticism and stamina while Scorpio, Lightning and the rest try to stop them. Hosted by weather presenter Ulrika Jonsson and footballer John Fashanu, this is a shrill and aggressive entertainment that may make the fainter-hearted yearn for the more innocuous pleasures of *It's a Knockout*. In a lower-tech way the old BBC show was not dissimilar, though it usually heaped no greater indignity on its participants than an unwanted bath. *Gladiators* is not only devoid of humour but also borders on the brutal. (Oracle) (s) (896949)

7.20 Blind Date. Cilla Black returns to play Cupid to more young hopefuls looking for the perfect date. (Oracle) (s) (894045)

8.20 Beadle's About. Jeremy Beadle returns to play more practical jokes on unsuspecting members of the public (160749)

8.50 Dame Edna's Neighbourhood Watch. The housewife and superstar snoops around somebody's home. (Oracle) (s) (874045)

9.20 Film: The Dead Pool (1988). Clint Eastwood stars in a disappointing fifth addition to the Dirty Harry cycle. When three celebrities are murdered, Inspector Harry Callaghan investigates an underground betting pool. Directed by Buddy Van Horn. (Oracle) (61544942)

11.00 News and weather (274565)

11.20 Hale and Pace. Comics Gareth and Norman give an insight into the life of a tabloid journalist and offer advice on gardening (r) (s) (157377)

11.50 Almost Grown. American series about the tumultuous marriage of a New Jersey couple (757923)

12.50am The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans (s) (9002614)

2.00 The Gig. Barbie Wilde presents a new rock music series. A bus visits clubs on the British live music circuit to see local bands perform. Tonight's venues are the Glasgow's Tunnel Club and Edinburgh's Music Box (11546)

3.00 New Music. Pop magazine (49492)

4.00 Rhythm 'n' Raag. Asian music show featuring Headspace and Pakeezah Baig (27459)

4.30 The Hit Man and Her. The latest on the club scene (s) (66148)

5.30 ITN Morning News (71275). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Heathcliff. Animation (r) (6059923) **6.25 Eureeka's Castle**. For the under-fives (r) (9657872) **6.55 Crosstalk**. Teenagers in discussion (r) (7353381) **7.25 High 5**. Snowboarding (8045652) ***7.55 Trans World Sport*** *(9606107)* **9.00 News Summary** (1925010) **9.15 Racing: The Morning Line** (4602300)

10.00 Quizbowl. The final of the sporting quiz is between the *News of the World* and the *Mail on Sunday* (r) (s) (31652)

10.30 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne looks at the goals in Serie A last weekend and looks ahead to Italy's World Cup qualifier against Switzerland next week in Cagliari (19010)

11.30 American Football. Highlights of last week's action and a preview of tomorrow's games (9861)

12.00 Get Smart. Spoof spy series starring Don Adams (74294)

12.30 Songs and Memories. The Pakistan writer Tehmina Durrani talks to Zarmine Sarfaraz about her struggle for the dignity of women in *a male-dominated* society (30297)

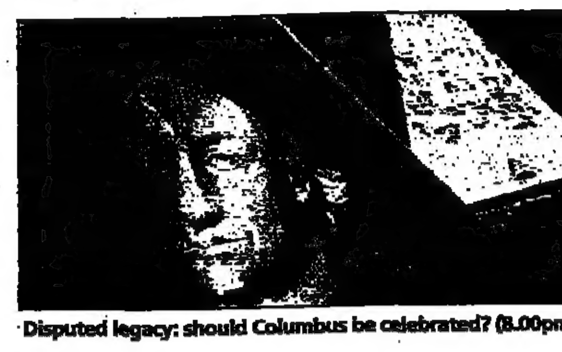
1.00 Film: Heaven Can Wait (1943). Witty comic fantasy starring Don Ameche as a recently deceased playboy whose life is reviewed by the Devil, who cannot decide whether he should be sent to heaven or hell. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch (86950403)

3.05 Channel 4 Racing from York. Live coverage of the 3.15, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 races (10161774)

5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (9440565)

6.30 Right to Reply. *The Sun*'s television critic Garry Bushell takes Tony Parsons to task over his *The Tattooed Jungle*. (Teletext) (s) (107)

7.00 Court TV: America on Trial. Cynthia McFadden introduces more real-life dramas from American courtrooms including the New York v Hampton case. (Teletext) (5107)



Disputed legacy: should Columbus be celebrated? (8.00pm)

8.00-3.55am Goodbye Columbus.

● CHOICE: Channel 4 makes its contribution to the Columbus quincentenary with an evening of fiction, arts and documentary programmes on a Latin American theme. It is a celebration of a sort but a double-edged one. The opening film, a portrait of Columbus in Ohio, sets the tone. The biggest city to be named after the mariner, Columbus is marking 1492 with a huge flower show called Ameriflora '92. The enterprise may sound innocuous but it has split the community. Blacks remember Columbus as the New World's first slave trader. American indians reflect bitterly on 500 years of persecution by the white man. Ameriflora '92 attracts few non-white visitors. At least Columbus gets a good word from Ohio senator and former astronaut John Glenn, who sees him as an inspiration for America's pioneering spirit. (Teletext) (1861)

8.30 Broken Silence. The struggle of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Rigoberta Menchu, a Maya Quiche from Guatamala, who has come to represent the views and aspirations of all the indigenous peoples of America. (Teletext) (4768)

9.00 From Quetzalcoatl to Pepsi Coatl. Have Thatcherite economic policies worked in Mexico? Followed by **Pele at Aston Villa**. (Teletext) (997861)

9.20 Brazilian Snapshots. British-based journalist Roberto Mader *returns home in search of the typical Brazilian. (Teletext) (201213)*

10.10 Islands of Flowers. Jorge Furtado's witty video about the history of the tomato. (Teletext) (572297)

10.25 Brazilian Television Preview. (Teletext) (359132)

10.30 Latin American Magazine. Compiled from monthly cinema newsreels of Mexico's ALA newsagency, this film includes war and peace in El Salvador. (Teletext) (234671)

10.50 A New Grave for Columbus. A church built in commemoration of Columbus's landing at Santa Domingo has divided the community. (Teletext) (823855)

11.00 In The Name of Democracy. Latin America's days of dictatorship appear to be over, but instability remains (7213)

11.30 Film: La Tarea (1990). A film student decides to videotape her former husband making love to *her*. In Spanish with English subtitles. Directed by Humberto Hermosillo (610519)

1.15am Soaps and Salsa. The best of the Latin soap operas, including one entitled *Deus Nos Acoda (God Help Us)* (39614633). Ends at **3.55**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
6.00am Danger Bay (70126) **6.30** Elephant Boy (60132) **7.00** Fun Factory (5179792) **12.00** Barnaby Jones (43636) **1.00pm** Film: Little House on the Prairie. Starring Michael Landon (76749) **3.00** Cartoons (62497) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (47132) **5.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (6958) **6.00** Knights and Warriors (32720) **7.00** Booker (84107) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (93855) **9.00** Cops I (43316) **9.30** Cops II (44565) **10.00** Saturday Night Live (83478) **11.00** Hill Street Blues (78949) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1018107) **9.30** Nightline (51855) **10.00** Dayline (86126) **10.30** *Financial Times* Media Europe (12478) **11.00** Dayline (58294) **11.30** The Reporters (47768) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (58010) **1.30** Holiday Destinations (66039) **2.30** Nightline (72381) **3.30** Those Were the Days (93671) **4.30** *Financial Times* Media Europe (82590) **6.30** The Reporters (80300) **7.30** Fashion TV (9107) **9.30** Travel Destinations (48497) **10.30** The Reporters (15923) **11.30** Fashion TV (95671) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Media Europe (31188) **1.30** Travel Destinations (19275) **2.30** Those Were the Days (93898) **3.30** Fashion TV (98343) **4.30** *Financial Times* Media Europe (30256) **5.30-6.00** Those Were the Days (18017)

SKY MOVIES+

● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
6.00am Showcase (43294)
8.00 The Guns and the Fury (1981): Adventure set in Persia (70565)
10.00 Oliver Twist (1987): Cartoon adaptation of Dickens's classic (31045)
12.00 Evil Under the Sun (1981): Peter Ustinov stars as Hercule Poirot (66316)
2.00pm Backfield in Motion (1991): Roseanne Arnold organises a mother-son football match (70958)
4.00 Batman (1966): Comic-book adventure starring Adam West (4590)
6.00 King Ralph (1991): John Goodman is heir to the British throne (84760720)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (748861)
8.00 Look Who's Talking (1989): Bruce Willis is the voice of baby Mikey (99039)
10.00 Quigley Down Under (1990): Tom Selleck stars in an Australian western (68485519)
12.05am Velvet Dreams (1987): Erotic drama starring Kathy Shower (1633630)
1.30 Kid (1990): C. Thomas Howell avenges the death of his parents (17817)
3.00 The Masque of the Red Death (1989): Adaptation of Edgar Allen Poe's tale starring Frank Stallone (908850)
4.35 Head Office (1986): Judge Reinhold's father secures him an executive job (1274459). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

● **Via the Astra satellite**
4.15pm Follow That Dream (1962): Elvis Presley musical (318107)
6.15 Cops and Robbers (1973): Comedy about a Wall Street heist (63275126)
8.00 The Prince and the Showgirl (1957): Olivier falls for Monroe (92316774)
10.05 The Gauntlet (1977): Policeman Clint Eastwood escorts a witness to trial (413768). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites*
6.15am Tadpole and the Whale (1987): A girl's marine adventures (187519)
8.15 Anastasia (1956): Ingrid Bergman claims to be the tsar's daughter (181855)
10.15 The Three Faces of Eve (1957): Joanne Woodward is a schizophrenic (274519)
12.15pm We Were Strangers (1949): John Huston's political thriller (536861)
2.15 Les Misérables (1935, b/w): Adaptation of Victor Hugo's novel (450497)
4.15 Abbott and Costello Meet the Keystone Cops (1954): Slapstick comedy with Bud and Lou (39585923)
6.30 Running Against Time (1990): A man travels back in time to prevent the Kennedy assassination (20045)
8.30 Steel Magnolias (1989): Bitter-sweet comedy about six women (55229)
10.30 The Road Home (1989): Donald Sutherland helps emotionally disturbed Adam Horowitz (50584)
12.30am Xposure: Film news (71701)
1.00 Stockade (1990): Charlie Sheen tries to gain a discharge from the army (744508)
2.40 Wired (1989): The short life and fast times of John Belushi (857492)
4.35 Inadmissible Evidence (1968): A solicitor is on the verge of a nervous breakdown (1265701). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
6.30am Fishing the West (11836) **7.00** Netbusters (30403) **7.30** The Boot Room (75126) **8.30** The Big League: Warrington v Bradford (865923) **11.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (35958) **12.00** WWF Wrestling Challenge (79316) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (1520749) **6.00** European League Round-Up (95300) **7.00** Dubai Snooker Classic (54039) **9.00** WWF Primetime Wrestling (12887) **10.30** Horse of the Year Show (63671) **11.30** Ringside (97861) **1.30am** Gillette World Sports Special (44188) **2.00-3.00** Muscle Night (73324)

EUROSPORT

● **Via the Astra satellite**
9.00am Step Aerobics (46590) **9.30** Truck Racing (74861) **10.00** Motorsport (33590) **11.00** Tennis ATP Tour (57126) **12.00** Football: Stuttgart v Leeds United (60229) **1.30pm** Tennis (92774) **3.00** Tennis (481010) **6.00** Euroscore (523749) **6.05** Tennis (75300132) **8.00** Motor Cycling (103720) **11.00** Euroscore (41519) **12.00-1.00am** Motorsport (69324)

SCREENSPORT

● **Via the Astra satellite**
6.00am Powerboat World (64710) **6.00** Renault Show Jumping (75958) **8.00** 1992 FIA World Sportscar Championship (72671) **9.00** Powerboat World (90958) **10.00** Go — Motorsport (40836) **11.00** Drag Racing (53300) **12.00** Gillette World Sports (66300) **12.30pm** NFL — The Week in Review (85923) **1.00** Baseball 1992 (80478) **2.00** Volvo PGA Golf (618942) **4.30** IHRA Drag Racing (5590) **5.00** Powersports (2584) **6.00** Volvo PGA Golf (67428213) **7.50** Brazilian Football (51872584) **10.00** Sportkanal EG Rally (30300) **11.00** Volvo PGA Golf (41565) **12.30am** IHRA Drag Racing (22459) **1.00** Thai Kick Box (69072) **2.00** Baseball 1992 (71966) **3.00** Major League Baseball (21459) **5.00-6.00** Go — Motorsport (51527)

LIFESTYLE

● **Via the Astra satellite**
12.00 Rambo (68768) **12.30pm** Spiral Zone (83519) **1.00** White Shadow (2041519) **1.55** House Rules (3508855) **2.50** Spain Spain Holiday (7698215) **3.05** The Adventures of Jim Bowie (3722923) **3.30** Basic Training (6039) **4.00** American Gameshows (78294) **5.30** Fashion File (8010) **6.00** Sell-a-Vision (4003774) **10.00** Jukebox Music Videos (9650671) **2.00-3.00am** Last Dance (99362)

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.35 Chequered Flag (93552923) **2.05-3.50** McCloud (232872) ***5.00*** *Anglia News (7649958)* **5.15-5.20** Cartoon Time (8594584) **11.50-12.45** Jake and the Fatman (113045)

BORDER

As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (11573720) **1.30** Film: Ursus and the Tartar Princess (32300) **3.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (80592823) **5.00-5.05** Border News (8677861) **11.50** Film: North Dallas Forty (85822381) **2.00** The Hit Man and Her (64053) **4.00** Videofashion (27459) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66148)

CENTRAL

As London except: 11.30-12.00 The Mountain Bike Show (8519) **1.10** Rocksport *(28706823)* ***1.25*** *The Life and Times of* Grizzly Adams (5330229) **2.20** Superman (98625297) **2.50** Brand New Life (6228497) **3.45-3.50** Cartoon Time (2977132) **5.00** Central News (8677861) **5.05-5.20** The Central Match Goals Extra (7648229) **11.50** Film: Don't Drink the Water (510565) **1.40** CinemAttractions (7449985) **2.10** Jake and the Fatman (8141275) **3.05** America's Top Ten (96983091) **3.35** American College Football (4548343) **4.35-5.30** Central Jobfinder '92 (9262701)

GRANADA

As London except: 11.30-12.00 Zorro (8519) **1.05** Granada News (22193774) **1.10** Granada Sport: Kick Off (68456774) **1.35** Film: The Old Man Who Cried Wolf (7470749) **3.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (80592823) **5.00-5.20** Granada News (8677861) followed by Granada Sport: Goals Extra (7648229) **11.50** Film: North Dallas Forty (85822381) **2.00** The Hit Man and Her (64053) **4.00** Videofashion (27459) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66148)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.10 Film: Serena (8959749) **2.20** The Mountain Bike Show (82320805) **2.45** Chequered Flag (3239107) **3.20-4.40** Going Hollywood — The 30s (5765590) **5.00-5.20** HTV West News & Sport (7550010)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 5.00pm-5.20 HTV Wales News and Sport

TSW

As London except: 11.30-12.00 The South West Week (8519) **1.10** Discovering Gardens (68373497) **1.40** International Yacht Racing (93551294) **2.10** Film: Fast and Loose (238687) **3.45-4.40** The A-Team (3283872) **5.05-5.20** Gus Honeybun's Cartoon Time (7648229) **11.50** Film: North Dallas Forty (85822381) **2.00** The Hit Man and Her (64053) **4.00** Videofashion (27459) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66148)

TVS

As London except: 11.30-12.00 Blockbusters (8519) **1.10** Motor Sport Special (68373497) **1.40** Film: His Majesty O'Keefe *(38815687)* ***3.20*** *Zorro (4029671)* ***3.45-*** **4.40** The A-Team (3283872) **5.00** TVS News (7649958) **5.15-5.20** Cartoon (8594584) **11.50-12.45** The Young Riders (113045)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.10 Mountain Bike Championship (68373497) **1.40** Chequered Flag (93551294) **2.10** Film: John and Julie* (238687) **3.45-4.40** The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams (3283872) **5.00-5.20** Tyne Tees Sport Special (7550010) **11.50** Film: North Dallas Forty (85822381) **2.00** The Hit Man and Her (64053) **4.00** Videofashion (27459) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (66148)

ULSTER

As London except: 11.30-12.00 Superman (8519) **1.10** Saturday Sport (22018039) **1.20** Film: Scott of the Antarctic (63940671) **3.25-3.55** Movies, Movies, Movies (4019294) **5.05-5.20** Saturday Sport (7648229) **11.50** Film: North Dallas Forty (Nick Nolte, Mac Davis, Charles Durning, Dabney Coleman) (85822381) **2.00** The Hit Man and Her (64053) **4.00** Videofashion (27459) **4.30** The Big E (9263430) **5.25-5.35** Pop Profile (7564053)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 11.30-12.00 The Munsters Today (8519) **1.10** The A-Team (5244478) **2.05** Film: Broken Arrow (347774) **3.45-4.40** Baywatch (3283872) **5.00-5.20** Calendar News (7550010) **11.50** *Film: Royal Flash (338497)* ***1.45*** *Profile:* Crowded House (99940) **2.00** The Hit Man and Her (64053) **4.00** Get Wet (27459) **4.30** The Silk Road (7517917)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Heathcliff (6059923) **6.25** Eureeka's Castle (9657872) **6.55** Crosstalk (7353381) **7.25** High 5 (8045652) **7.55** Trans World Sport (9606107) **9.00** News (1925010) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (4602300) **10.00** Jeifin (31652) **10.30** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (19010) **11.30** American Football: Play Action (9861) **12.00** Get Smart (74294) **12.30** The Cosby Show (30297) ***1.00*** *Film: Heaven Can Wait (86950403)* **3.05** Channel 4 Racing (10161774) **5.05** Brookside (9440565) **6.30** The Bunbury Tails (971497) **6.35** Now You're Talking (814478) **7.00** News and Sport (492565) **7.15** Bachu Hi O'Ma (251316) **8.00** Y Morthwyl (44923381) **9.45** Tocyn Tymor (588738) **10.35** Goodbye Columbus (544836) **10.50** New Grave For Columbus (823855) **11.00** In the Name of Democracy (7213) **11.30** Film: Homework (610519) **1.15** Soaps and Salsa (39690053) **3.50** Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Record Producers: Don Was (1/6) **3.00** Johnnie Walker: Live from Dublin, as part of Euro Action **6.00** The Saturday Rock Show **8.30** Loose Talk **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel in Berlin (FM only after **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bill Rennells: The Early Show **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon: The Saturday Show **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Nick Barraclough's New Country **1.00pm** Comedy Hour: Hancock's Half Hour (r), and at **1.30** The News Huddlines (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Give a Little Whistle: Roy Hudd presents the european whistling championship from Eastbourne pier **5.00** Movie Hour: Cinema 2, and at **5.30** Screenplay (r) **6.00** Gerry Ford's Country Gospel Special **7.00** Country Legends: Don Williams **7.30** Emmylou Harris and Alan Jackson in Concert **9.30** Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Tales of the Texas Rangers **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Football: *First Division, Golf: Toshiba World* Matchplay; Racing from Ascot: **2.30** The Princess Royal Stakes; **3.00** The Bovis Handicap; **3.35** The Cornwallis Stakes; Rugby Union: Courage League and Heineken Welsh League **5.00** Sports Report **6.06** Six-O-Six **7.30** Le Top **9.00** Afropop Worldwide **10.15** On the Level, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** World Business Report **5.40** Travel and Weather News **5.45** Programmes in German **6.30** Europe Today **6.59** Weather **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Programmes in French **7.59** Weather **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** News **9.09** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Jazz Now and Then **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** Waveguide **11.40** Book Choice **11.45** From the Weeklies **Midday** Newsdesk **12.29pm** Travel News **12.30** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.09** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** Club 648 **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** Sportsworld (cont) **5.00** News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in German **6.00** News **6.01** Omnibus **6.30** Programmes in French **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Programmes in German **9.00** News **9.09** Personal View **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Europe This Weekend **9.55** European Sports News **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Meridian **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: Double Cross **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Remembering Proust **4.00** News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** From Our Own Correspondent **4.50** World News **5.15** Half the Sky

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Chart Rundown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Introduction to the Opera: Bizet's *Carmen* **10.00** Classic Quiz **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather

7.00 Record Review, introduced by Paul Guinery. Mozart (Serenade in E flat, K 375); Milhaud (Symphony No 2); Liszt (Après une lecture du Dante, Années de Pèlerinage); Brumel (Gloria, Mass Et ecce terrae motus); Chopin (Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor)

9.00 News

9.05 Building a Library, introduced by Anthony *Burton. John Deathridge* compares Wagner *Ring* cycles; Stephen Dodgson on the Hanover Band's work-in-progress on the Haydn symphonies; and Roger Nichols reviews a ten-CD survey of Spain's historic organs. **10.35 Record Release:** Haydn (Symphony No 43 in E flat, Mercury); Wagner (Die Walküre, Act 1, sc 3). **11.35** Michael Oliver laments the limited reissues by record companies for Spanish year. **12.25pm** Fauré (Piano Quintet No 2 in C minor, Op 115: Vlado Perlemuter; Parrenin Quartet)

1.00pm News

1.05 Mass for the Catholic Monarchs: Donald McLeod reads a contemporary description by Bartolomé de las Casas of Christopher Columbus's reception at court in Barcelona by Ferdinand and Isabella, upon his return from his first voyage of discovery. Westminster Cathedral Choir under James O'Donnell sing Francisco de Penelosa (Missa Ave Maria)

2.25 Scriabin: Gordon Fergus-Thompson plays Sonata No 4 in F sharp; Eight Studies, Op 42; Sonata No 9, Black Mass

3.00 Vienna: the Philharmonic Years 1842-1992: Richard Osborne examines the period 1908-1927. Strauss (Suite, Le bourgeois gentilhomme: under Clemens Krauss); Berg (Wozzeck, Act 3: Vienna State Opera Chorus under Christoph *von Dohnányi); Beethoven* (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica: under Felix von Weingartner)

5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith

5.45 Third Opinion, presented by Christopher Cook from Dublin. Includes reviews of John McGahern's *Collected Stories*, and highlights of the Dublin Theatre Festival

6.30 Takacs Quartet performs Gyorgy Kurtag (Officium Breve, Op 28); Schubert (Quartet in D minor, D 810, Death and the Maiden) (r)

7.30 Venetian Canzoni: Hesperion XX under Jordi Savall performs instrumental music by Guami and Giovanni Gabrieli

8.00 Variations on an Original Theme: Festival of BBC Orchestras. Live from Symphony Hall, Birmingham. BBC Singers; BBC Symphony Chorus; Worcester Festival Choral Society under Andrew Davis perform Elgar (The Kingdom, Parts 1-3). **9.05** Memories of Elgar. Louise Chapman, aged 92, recalls the composer and his *wife.* ***9.25*** Parts 4 and 5

10.05 The Love of Don Perlimplin

● CHOICE: Lorca's surreal tragedy about an old man's passion for his promiscuous young wife is set in a territory that Lorca characteristically locates mid-way between body and soul. It requires a considerable feat of imagination to believe that the play was banned for years in Spain because of its alleged eroticism. In Nick Ward's fine English version, Daniel Massey plays the adoring husband and Imogen Stubbs the faithless wife. It is worth noting that this is the first time Radio 3 has commissioned an independently made drama production

10.50 Bheki Mseleku: Ben Watson introduces the South African pianist, recorded in concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, earlier this year. With Marvin "Smitty" Smith, drums, Charnett Moffett, *bass, Jean Toussant,* saxophone, and Eddie Parker, flutes

12.30am News 12.35 Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.40** Prayer for the Day **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**

9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan

9.30 Breakaway: Gill Elliot visits *the races at Ascot*

10.00 News; Loose Ends (s)

11.00 News; Conference Special: Michael White, political editor of *The Guardian*, reports on this week's Conservative party conference in Brighton

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

12.00 Money Box

12.25pm The News Quiz (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00 News**

1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs this week's debate in Eastbourne. The panellists are Frank Dobson, MP, shadow employment secretary; Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat spokesman on the environment and natural resources; Malcolm Rifkind, MP, defence secretary; and Hugo Young, journalist (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm

2.30 Saturday Playhouse: A Season of Clear Shining, by Nan Woodhouse. A Quaker (Kathryn Hunt) and a Catholic (Neil Roberts) try to reconcile their love and different beliefs in 17th-century England (s)

3.45 Derwentwater's Farewell: The life and death of the Earl of Derwentwater, who was executed in 1716 (s) (r)

4.00 News; You Don't Have to Work to Be Mad Here: The Art of Skiving (s) (r)

4.30 Science Now

5.00 The Living World: Lionel Kelleway reports from the sand dunes at Kenfig National Nature Reserve in Glamorgan

5.25 Fourth Column 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 News and Sports Round-Up

6.25 Week Ending (s) (r)

6.50 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks to a group of chess players

7.20 Kaleidoscope: No Master's Voice. Members of a songwriters' co-operative in Rotherham talk to Dave Sheasby (s)

7.50 Classic Serial: The Scarlet Letter

● *CHOICE:* On two counts, Greg Snow's two-part adaptation of Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel is welcome. First, it gets rid of the popular misconception that the eponymous letter is just another humdrum epistle instead of the shaming letter "A" (for adultress) which the central character — played tonight by Deborah Findlay — is made to wear to show that she is an unmarried mother. Second, Snow reminds us how powerfully *Hawthorne wrote* about sin and conscience in puritanical 17th-century New England. Michael Maloney plays the pastor who painfully hides a wicked secret (s)

8.50 Work Talk: Ferdinand Dennis talks with Val McCalla, founder of the *Voice* (s) (r)

9.20 Music in Mind (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten (s) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 Confession: Jennifer Holden talks to Catholics about their experiences of confession, and priests reveal their own dilemmas on the other side of the grille

10.45 Joining the Cubs: In the 1920s, journalist Mary Stott secured a job on the *Leicester Mail* (r)

11.00 Mirrored in Music: Vladimir Ashkenazy talks about Russia and its music (s) (r)

11.30 The Miles and Millner Show (s) (r)

12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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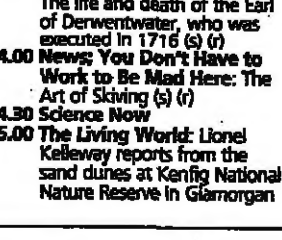

CLASSIC fM 100-102

SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.40 Film: Secret Mission (1942, b/w). Wartime spy drama starring James Mason. Four agents are on the run in Nazi-occupied France. Directed by Harold French (1157275)
9.10 News and weather (2120459) **9.15 Start Your Own Religion** (s) (2951614). Northern Ireland: Duil Sa Duira
9.30 This is the Day. Graham Young visits Don and Claire McBride, ceramic tile designers of north Belfast (23481)
10.00 See Hear! Linda Day presents a report on broadcasting for the deaf in Sweden and Denmark (s) (52362)
10.30 Golf. Live coverage of the closing stages of the first half of the best-of-36 holes final of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth (43633)
12.00 Spain on a Plate. Maria José Sevilla's gastronomic journey takes her to Galicia (r). (Ceefax) (95904)
12.30 Country File (8971091). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (53895072)
1.00 News (22070879) **1.05 On the Record** with Jonathan Dimbleby and John Cole (5229169)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (53091)
3.00 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4850)
3.30 Film: Coward of the County (1981). Effective made-for-television movie starring Kenny Rogers in a dramatic version of his hit song. Directed by Dick Lowry (60527) **5.00 Cartoon** (5522492)
5.10 Horse of the Year Show. David Vine introduces highlights of this year's show from Wembley Arena (s) (1190546)
6.00 The Clothes Show. Highlights from the latest round of international collections (s) (735614)
6.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (185695)
6.40 Songs of Praise from the United Reform Church in Purley, Surrey. (Ceefax) (s) (369546)
7.15 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge plays Roy Clarke's suburban snob. (Ceefax) (s) (153166)
7.45 The House of Eliott. Period drama series set in the 1920s about two sisters and their fashion house. (Ceefax) (s) (139527)
8.40 Birds of a Feather. Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson star as the Chigwell prison widows. (Ceefax) (s) (210695)
9.10 News with Michael Buerk. Weather (226782)

Man in a hurry: Peter Bowles searches for his wife (9.25pm)

9.25 Screen One: Running Late
● CHOICE: A comedy by Simon Gray features Peter Bowles as George Grant, a star television interviewer in desperate search of the wife who has walked out on him. Gray's comedies tend towards shades of darkness, though for much of its time *Running Late* has more in common with traditional farce, as the harassed Grant is frustrated in his quest by losing keys, having his car stolen and being turned down by truculent cabbies. But underlying these surface gags is a sort of Basil Fawlty paranoia, a link further suggested by Bowles almost rivalling John Cleese in the league of tall men. Grant's job gives Gray the chance to the explore the irony of a character who lives by exposing other people's private troubles but is hopeless dealing with his own. Beyond that *Running Late* does not run very deep, though the ending is teasingly ambiguous. (Ceefax) (s) (4577940)
10.40 Everyman: No Place Like Home.
● CHOICE: Two women from the Somali community of Liverpool pay a disenchanted visit to their homeland in the ravaged north, which bore the brunt of the country's destructive civil war. Amina has Home Office permission to bring back the mother she has not seen for 20 years. She is accompanied by Khadage, British-born with a Somali father and a mother from Newcastle. Richard Alwyn's sobering film follows the women as they travel through a desolate landscape of broken, abandoned buildings, the legacy of years of internal conflict. Many of the people are without water or electricity, they loot because they are hungry and they accuse the West, especially Britain, of neglecting them. (Ceefax) (410072
11.25 Channel Hopping. Alex Taylor presents the first of three programmes about job hunting across the Channel (423121)
11.55 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore and astronomer Dr David Allen discuss newly-revealed views of the surface of Venus (s) (170053)
12.15am Weather (4790812)

BBC2

7.30 Felix the Cat. Feline fun (5194614) **7.45 Playdays** at the Why Bird Stop (r) (4988072) **8.10 Smoggies** (r) (7287188) **8.35 Animal Album.** Parrots (r) (s) (1081879) **8.50 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (6456985) **8.55 Bitsa.** Junk recycled (r) (s) (1090527) **9.15 The Legend of Prince Valiant.** A teenager's quest for Camelot (s) (1073879) **9.40 The Wetter the Better** with Ross King and Ginny Buckley (9387661) **10.05 Thundercats.** Animated adventures (r) (7679053) **10.30 Uncle Jack and the Dark Side of the Moon** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8654275) **10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) (1368121) **11.45 The O-Zone** featuring the Quireboys and Betty Boo (s) (4289492)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry and Sylvia Anderson's classic puppet series. International Rescue comes to the aid of the crew of a futuristic transport vehicle (r). (Ceefax) (8144985)
12.50 The Invaders. Vintage science fiction series starring Roy Thinnes. Gene Hackman makes an appearance as an alien leader (r) (5746850)
1.40 Golf. Live coverage of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth Club, Surrey. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesden (84907053)
5.05 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of yesterday's match between Northampton and Bath (s) (5743904). Wales: Llanelli v Cardiff
6.05 The Blackpool Tram. An affectionate look at Britain's first electric tramway (r) (Ceefax) (713492)
6.35 The Money Programme. Steve Annett looks at the strategies for survival of Britain's construction companies, hit harder than most by the recession (514053)
7.15 The Living Planet. David Attenborough examines the special talents required to live between the tides. He discovers the avocet, dunlin and oystercatchers in a muddy, English estuary, and the mudskippers and crocodiles of the mangrove forest (Ceefax) (r) (598121)
8.10 Did You See. . ? Jeremy Paxman invites singer Hank Wangford, journalist Ken Lukowiak and writer and actress Meera Syal to review *Civvies*, *Keeping Up Appearances* and *Jimmy's* (619817)
8.40 The Look: Uniform and Function. Fashion pundits believe people are what they wear. Tonight's film analyses the ways in which people create an identity through their clothes (491430)
9.30 Building Sights, Europe. Czechoslovakia's former president, Vaclav Havel, reflects on the design of the Manes Building in Prague (118324)
9.40 A Word in your Era. Rory McGrath is joined by Winston Churchill (Ned Sherrin), Queen Elizabeth I (Helen Lederer) and Queen Boadicea (Tony Slattery) (s) (482411). Wales: Moffydd Owen

Brief encounter: Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep (10.10pm)

10.10 Film: Falling in Love (1984). Meryl Streep and Robert De Niro star as commuters whose lives cross on a shopping trip, with romantic complications. Heavyweight stars do their best to overcome a lightweight script and anonymous direction from Ulu Grosbard. (Ceefax) (671459). Wales: 10.30 A Word in Your Era 11.00 Film: Falling in Love
11.55 Golf. Highlights of the final of the Toyota World Match Play at Wentworth Club, Surrey (564527). Ends at **12.50am**. Wales 12.45-1.35 Golf highlights

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ITV

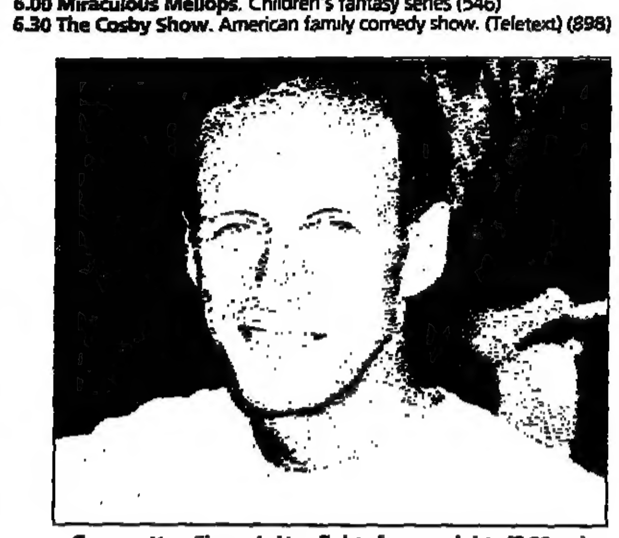
6.00 TV-am (6061850)
9.25 Disney Club. Richard Orford, Andrea Boardman and Paul Hendy are joined by Chaso and members of the China State Circus (4805508)
10.45 Link. How Romanian orphanages are dealing with children infected by the Aids virus. (Oracle) (4683966)
11.00 Morning Worship from St George's Reform Church, Morpeth, Northumberland (81362)
12.00 The Human Factor. Rosemary Hartill investigates the plight of young Indian girls who are sold by their families as servants of the temple but see their lives rapidly degenerate into a form of slavery and prostitution. (Oracle) (80072)
12.30 An Invitation to Remember Actor Robert Morley looks back on his life and career (8973459) **12.55 LWT News** (53880140)
1.00 News and weather (76401891) **1.10 Walden.** Brian Walden interviews the Danish foreign minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen (7846140)
2.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game show (1351)
2.30 The London Match. Ian St John introduces live coverage of the match between West Ham and Sunderland. Includes highlights of today's other First Division match between Derby and Oxford (s) (15077332)
5.05 Baywatch. Drama series about the perfectly formed lifeguards of Los Angeles County. A former lifeguard is back in town and looking for trouble (r) (6226966)
6.00 Animal Country. Desmond Morris and Sarah Kennedy continue their travels through East Anglia (904)
6.30 News and weather (492782) **6.35 LWT News** (491053)
6.40 Highway. Harry Secombe visits Wharfedale in Yorkshire and talks to Lord Healey (354614)
7.15 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents the last in the series of amateur out-takes (s) (858594)
7.45 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Speaker of Mandarin. The conclusion of the three-part story. The investigation does not seem to be going anywhere, until Mike Burden's instinct sets Reg Wexford (George Baker) on the right trail. (Oracle) (854121)
8.45 London's Burning Blue Watch race against time to rescue a girl trapped in a disused silo and Bayleaf volunteers to talk to a schizophrenic who has climbed a gigantic crane. (Oracle) (143527)
9.45 News and weather (864091)
10.05 Spitting Image. More satirical humour from the latex lookalikes (377140)

Champion of black women: novelist Alice Walker (10.35pm)

10.35 The South Bank Show: Alice Walker.
● CHOICE: This profile of the American writer Alice Walker may look like a plug for her new novel but those persuaded to go out and buy *Possessing the Secret of Joy* will have been well warned not to expect a cosy read. For that matter the programme itself is far from comfortable viewing. In the novel Walker takes a minor character from her best-known book, *The Color Purple*, and puts her through an experience suffered by women in 26 African countries, genital mutilation. The theme fits easily into Walker's concerns as a champion of blacks and especially black women. Genital mutilation, she claims, is only an extreme version of of "what women go through all over the world in every society". Take that with a pinch of salt if you will but Walker argues it cogently. Feminist Gloria Steinem lends enthusiastic support (259898)
11.35 Cue the Music. Richie Havens recorded in concert at Glastonbury (203904)
12.40am Derrick. German detective series (9088034)
1.55 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (9110909)
3.00 Night Heat. Canadian police drama (62560)
4.00 Pick of the Week with Jenny Powell (15831)
4.30 Memories 1970-1991. 1975. The year that Thatcherism was born and the first oil flowed from the North Sea. Narrated by Robert Powell (s) (86638)
5.30 ITN Morning News (31657). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (46091) **7.00 Take 5** for younger viewers (51121) **7.30 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon antics of the comic duo (4284343) **7.35 Little Wizards** (4984256) **8.00 Sandokan** (85527) **8.30 Wish Kid** (84898) **9.00 Spacecats.** Animated adventures of the feline space travellers (1078324) **9.25 Laurel and Hardy** (2101324)
9.30 Dennis. Animated antics of a mischievous boy and his friends (r) (6347091)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (848275)
10.15 If Wishes Were Horses (r) (s) (830256)
10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Adventures of an extraordinary submarine and her captain (699121)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The trials and tribulations of a close knit Kansas plains family (5176817)
12.40 Film: The Guinea Pig (1948, b/w). Richard Attenborough, then 25, stars as a working-class schoolboy who is sent as an educational experiment to a top public school. Well-crafted social drama, directed by Roy Boulting (79648343)
2.30 Film: Rotten to the Core (1965, b/w) starring Anton Rodgers and Eric Sykes. Three crooks, who are just out of prison, join a gang planning to rob an army payroll. Routine heist comedy, directed by John Boulting (48264782)
4.10 Four-Mations: Sound. *Allegro non Troppo.* Bruno Bozzetto's film sets classical themes from myth and legend to music by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (7517072) **5.05 Four-Mations: Sound.** *Grizzly Golfer.* Mr Magoo starts a round of golf with his nephew but finishes it with a grizzly bear (8578546)
5.10 News and Weather (8560527)
5.15 Answering Back. In the last of the present series, Susannah Simons quizzes advertising guru Maurice Saatchi (1191275)
6.00 Miraculous Mellops. Children's fantasy series (546)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American family comedy show. (Teletext) (898)



Grey matter: Simon LeVay fights for gay rights (7.00pm)

7.00 Equinox: Born That Way?
● CHOICE: Simon LeVay is a California-based neuroscientist and a homosexual. Since the death of his lover from Aids he has devoted himself to trying to establish whether homosexuality has a biological base. His quest has more than a strictly scientific interest. If homosexuals are born (as they claim) and not made (as their opponents claim), this should be an argument for a more tolerant attitude. Although a high-profile campaigner for gay rights, LeVay is enough of a scientist to admit that the evidence he has gathered so far is limited and tenuous. It stems mainly from a tiny difference in brain size between homosexual and heterosexual men. LeVay is also honest enough to present the opposing view, that homosexuality is a psychological condition which is capable of treatment if not cure. He opens a lively debate (1237)
8.00 Tights, Camera, Action! Choreographer Lea Anderson introduces the last in the innovative dance and movement films (8817)
8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach present live NFL action. The featured games are the Philadelphia Eagles at the Kansas City Chiefs and the Atlanta Falcons at the Miami Dolphins (74430)
10.00 Film: Ice Cold in Alex (1958, b/w) starring John Mills and Sylvia Syms. Second world war suspenser based on the true story of a British army officer who drives an ambulance through the Libyan desert in 1942. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (38949546)
12.25am Film: Niu Peng (1989). Chinese director Dai Sijie's personal film about the cultural revolution and its aftermath. In Cantonese and Mandarin with English subtitles (357812). Ends at **2.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30 Gardening Time (117140) **12.50-1.00** Anglia News (67922966) **2.10** Heirloom (23298459) **2.30** Candid Camera Classics (6617817) **2.50** Film: Crack in the World (61820459) **4.35** Baywatch (4256256) **5.30-6.00** Bullseye (661) **11.35-12.40** The Young Riders (836411)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time (8973459) **2.00** Chequered Flag (1351) **2.30** Film: The Siege of Pinchgut (37072) **4.30** Animal Country (411) **5.00** Scotsport (5558) **6.00-6.30** Bullseye (904) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (571817) **12.30** Quiz Night (2025909) **12.55** Motor Sport Special (4701928) **1.25** Film: Tank Force (278414) **3.00** Up the Junction (8463803) **3.55** Pick of the Week (33248299) **4.20-5.30** The ITV Chart Show (7834096)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time (8973459) **2.00** Memories of 1974 (7687898) **2.45** The Central Match — Live (22324695) **5.00** Baywatch (5558) **6.00-6.30** Bullseye (904) **11.35** Science Fiction (859782) **12.05** The Equalizer (4516742) **1.00** Film: A Month of Sundays (380003) **2.55** The ITV Chart Show (5167378) **3.50** Cue the Music (5443218) **4.55-5.30** Central Jobfinder '92 (9274909)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Chalte, Chalte (3898695) **2.00** Granada Action with the 'A' Team (1351) **2.30** Cartoon (7848324) **2.40** The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams (5774411) **3.40** McCloud (9794904) **5.00** Bullseye (4091) **5.30-6.30** Coronation Street (67140) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (571817) **12.30** Quiz Night (2025909) **12.55** Motorsport Special (4701928) **1.25** Film: Tank Force (278414) **3.00** Up the Junction (8463803) **3.55** Pick of the Week (33248299) **4.20** The ITV Chart Show (2533299) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (1209657)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30-1.00 The Nature of Things (8973459) **2.00** Challenge of the Seas (1351) **2.30** Cartoon Time (7848324) **2.40** Wrestling (9753546) **3.25** Film: Ball of Fire (97350804) **5.30-6.00** Bullseye (661)

TSW
As London except: 12.30-1.00 TSW Farming Week (8973459) **2.00** Fisheries News (23278695) **2.15** Gus Introduces Frootie Tooties (32105121) **2.30** Highway to Heaven (6279121) **3.20** Film: For the Love of Mike (38297891) **5.00** Bullseye (4091) **5.30-6.00** Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles (661) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (557237) **12.30** Quiz Night (2025904) **12.55** Motor Sport Special (4701928) **1.25** Film: Tank Force (278414) **3.00** Up the Junction (8463803) **3.55** Pick of the Week (33248299) **4.20** The ITV Chart Show (2533299) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (1209657)

TVS
As London except: 12.30 TVS News (67946546) followed by Agenda (8965430) **2.00** The Whitbread Round the World Race (55459) **3.00** Film: Strange Holiday (1165614) **4.25** Cartoon (3888879) **4.30** Bullseye (411) **5.00-6.00** Baywatch (5558)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25-1.00 Earthmovers (3626053) **2.00** Dogs With Dunbar (1351) **2.30** Around the World in 15 Minutes (3564607) **2.45** The Tyne Tees Match: West Ham Utd v Sunderland (42830633) **5.05** Animal Country (6742904) **5.30** Bullseye (661) **6.00-6.30** Pieces of Parkin (904) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (571817) **12.30** Quiz Night (2025909) **12.55** Motor Sport Special (4701928) **1.25** Film: Tank Force (278414) **3.00** Up the Junction (8463803) **3.55** Pick of the Week (33248299) **4.20** The ITV Chart Show (2533299) **5.15-5.30** Jobfinder (1209657)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.35 A Yankee Doodle Cricket (68443324) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (67922966) **2.00** Highway to Heaven (4044121) **2.55** Warner Cartoon (7867459) **3.05** Film: The Amazing Mr Blunden (35217169) **5.00** Animal Country (4091) **5.30** Bullseye (661) **6.00-6.30** Calendar (904) **11.35** Film: The Big Chill (638904) **1.30** Pick of the Week (8294299) **2.00** Stage One (8111034) **3.00** Film: The Brave Don't Cry* (525893) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (2610003)

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport (46091) **7.00** Take 5 (51121) **7.30** Laurel and Hardy (4284343) **7.35** Little Wizards (4984256) **8.00** Sandokan (85527) **8.30** Wish Kid (84898) **9.00** Space Cats (1078324) **9.25** Laurel and Hardy (2101324) **9.30** Dennis (6347091) **9.45** Miraculous Mellops (848275) **10.15** Hard Face of the Ogre (830256) **10.45** Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (699121) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (5176817) **12.40** Slarad Plaen (8960985) **1.05** Magic Roundabout (22095188) **1.10** Buster Keaton (68358188) **1.35** Film: Left, Right and Centre (Ian Carmichael, Alastair Sim, Eric Barker) (38710188) **3.15** Film: Blithe Spirit (33196817) **5.00** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (2633) **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (61601527) **7.05** Bwrw'r Sul (250459) **8.00** Y Llyffant (123492) **8.40** Hel Straeon (236633) **9.10** Newyddion (498072) **9.15** Saith Diwrnod Ar Y Sul (241091) **9.30** Ffiniau (834850) **9.50** American Football (8211689) **11.15** The Prisoner (151546) **12.15** The Real Thing (6504908) **1.10** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
6.00am Hour of Power (66879) **7.00** Fun Factory (9820985) **11.30** The World Tomorrow (58411) **12.00** Lost In Space (57256) **1.00pm** Combat (66904) **2.00** Trapper John (77695) **3.00** Eight is Enough (69527) **4.00** Hotel (71362) **5.00** Hart to Hart (4017) **6.00** Growing Pains (3633) **6.30** The Simpsons (4985) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (98527) **8.00** Lace: First of a three-part mini series, based on the novel by Shirley Conran (810689) **11.00** Entertainment Tonight (10463) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1085879) **9.30** The Reporters (94527) **10.30** Those Were the Days (75904) **11.30** Travel Destinations (51188) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (46492) **1.30** Target (47121) **2.30** Roving Report (86701) **3.30** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (32131) **4.30** Those Were the Days (1922) **5.00** Live at Five (39169) **6.30** Roving Report (61492) **7.30** *Financial Times* Business Weekly (1411) **9.30** Target (52817) **10.30** Roving Report (21701) **11.30** ABC News (90343) **12.30am** Those Were the Days (42580) **1.30** ABC News (90367) **2.30** Target (46378) **3.30** ABC News (96873) **4.30** Those Were the Days (20086) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (79831)

SKY MOVIES+
● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
6.00am Showcase (40324)
8.00 Hi Honey, I'm Dead! (1991): Curtis Armstrong is reincarnated (91275)
10.00 Once Upon a Dead Man (1971): Police thriller with Rock Hudson (49237)
12.00 The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes: Billy Wilder comedy (89466411)
2.05pm 1941 (1979): Steven Spielberg's comedy set six days after Pearl Harbor. Starring Dan Aykroyd (973985)
4.00 The Never-Ending Story II: The Next Chapter (1990): Jonathan Brandis returns to the magical world of Fantasia (5459)
6.00 Look Who's Talking Too (1990): Baby Mikey is blessed with a sister, voiced by Roseanna Arnold (91614)
8.00 The Freshman (1990): Matthew Broderick runs errands for Marlon Brando (54859633) **9.40 Xposure** (379966)
10.15 Pacific Heights (1990): Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith try to expel psychotic tenant Michael Keaton (296782)
12.00 Lisa (1989): A serial killer stalks Cheryl Ladd and her daughter (910305)
1.35am The Attic (1986): A woman investigates the mysterious disappearance of her father (2285096)
3.00 Dead-End Drive-In (1985): Futuristic Australian thriller (78560)
4.30 Mindfield (1990). The CIA uses shock treatment on a Canadian policeman (18251) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
● **Via the Astra satellite**
4.00pm Cleopatra (1963): The Egyptian queen meets Julius Caesar. Starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton (3131091)
8.00 A Private Function (1985): Alan Bennett's comedy (67695)
9.45 Red Dawn (1984): Teenagers combat Soviet troops (416324). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
6.20am Apache (1954): Burt Lancaster stars as the last Apache warrior (25743099)
7.55 Will There Really Be a Morning? (1983): Biopic of 1930s actress Frances Farmer (85858695)
10.15 Istanbul (1957): Errol Flynn searches for stolen diamonds (835256)
11.45 I Could Go on Singing (1963). Judy Garland fights for her son (88136898)
1.35pm The Emperor's New Clothes (1987): Brothers Grimm fable (42732527)
3.25 The Sound of Music (1965): Musical about the Von Trapp family (73719121)
6.20 Upworld (1990): A policeman teams up with a magical gnome (76049966)
8.00 Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (190): Winona Ryder is convinced that a town legend is her mother (54857275)
9.40 Flatliners (1990): Bratpackers dice with death (557527)
11.40 Miami Blues (1990): Alec Baldwin stars as a criminal psychopath (877966)
1.20am Blaze (1989): Governor Paul Newman has a scandalous affair (696473)
3.20 Sheila Levine is Dead and Living in New York (1975): Comedy about a Jewish-American girl (99364247). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS
● **Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites**
6.30 Fishing the West (25256) **7.00** European League Round-Up (54492) **8.00** Red Line (55121) **9.00** Horse of the Year Show (58362) **10.00** Motor World (16508) **10.30** Gillette World Sports (72188) **11.00** Netbusters (11904) **11.30** World Team Pool (93188) **12.30pm** The Club Show (74661) **1.00** WWF All-American Wrestling (24166) **2.00** Dubai Snooker (920701) **5.00** Horse of the Year Show (77633) **7.00** German Football (68459) **9.00** The Big League: Stones Bitter Championship (40904) **11.00** Horse of the Year Show (57343) **12.00-3.00am** Dubai Snooker (8839134)

EUROSPORT
● **Via the Astra satellite**
9.00am Aerobics (61072) **9.30** Mountain Bike Downhill (99343) **10.00** Euroscore Magazine (41782) **11.00** Venice Marathon (6421701) **12.15pm** Trans World Sport (971362) **1.15** Boxing (9775467) **2.15** Tennis ATP Tour (2618508) **3.30** Cycling (84085188) **5.45** Supercross (36000695) **7.30** Tennis (43508) **9.00** Euroscore Magazine (12121) **10.00** Tennis ATP Tour (17188) **12.00-1.00am** Euroscore Magazine (69324)

SCREENSPORT
● **Via the Astra satellite**
6.00am Powersports (26275) **7.00** Gillette World Sports Special (4639343) **7.50** Brazilian Football (26525879) **10.00** Notre Dame College Football (82053) **12.00** World Snooker Classics (27614) **2.00pm** Volvo PGA Golf (928343) **5.00** Grundig Global Adventure Sport (7121) **5.30** Revs (4904) **6.00** Hexaglot Signs (81324) **7.00** Volvo PGA Golf (59701) **9.00** Dutch Soccer Highlights (25695) **10.00** Sportkanal EG Rally (28782) **11.00** Volvo PGA Golf (50324) **12.30-1.00am** Renault Show Jumping (10367)

LIFESTYLE
● **Via the Astra satellite**
12.00 Rambo (49850) **12.30pm** Spiral Zone (91701) **1.00** White Shadow (2938091) **1.55** Paris (3575527) **2.50** Spain Spain International Cuisine (1993427) **3.05** Focus on Britain (3799695) **3.30** Basic Training (8071) **4.00** American Gameshows (95965) **5.00** The New Newlywed Game (2817) **5.30** Fashion File (9072) **6.00** Sell-a-Vision (4907546) **10.00** Jukebox Music Videos (9627343) **2.00-3.00am** Last Dance (89102)

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: BBC Concert Orchestra performs Chabrier (Fête polonaise, Le roi malgré lui); Michael Hurd (Concerto da camera); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1 in D, Classical); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini); Bösser (Petite Suite); Tchaikovsky (Ballet, The Nutcracker, Act 2)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Handel (Zadok the Priest); Walton (Death of Falstaff; Touch her soft lips, Henry V); Tchaikovsky (Festival Coronation March). **9.24** Artist of the Week: William Primrose, viola, plays Paganini, arr Primrose (La Campanella); Humperdinck (Spielmans Letzter Gesang, Königskinder). **9.43** *Composer of the Week* preview: Howells (Sing Lullaby; A Spotless Rose); Charles Griffes (The Pleasure Dome of Kubla Khan); Lord Berners (Suite, The Triumph of Neptune)
10.30-12.30am Columbus Day: A series of live concerts from 13 cities to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World begins with a preview of the day and the first of four readings by Nicky Henson from the journal of Columbus. **10.40** A discussion on the meaning, then and now, of Columbus's discovery
10.55 Segovia: From the monastery of El Parral. A Mass of Thanksgiving, with polyphonic settings by Alonso de Alba and Juan de Anchieta and plainchant from Spanish manuscripts of the 15th and 16th centuries
12.30pm Rome: From the Oratorio del Gonfalone. Excerpts from Pasquini's opera Il *Colombo, overo l'India scoperta*
1.00 Prague: From the Smetana Hall. Barber (Adagio for Strings); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World)
2.00 News
2.05 London: From BBC Studio One, Maida Vale. Villa-Lobos (Sexteto Mistico); Amadeo Roldán (Ritmica No 1); Revueltas (Ocho por Radio); Chávez (Toccata for percussion); Villa-Lobos (Chôros No 7)
2.55 The journal of Columbus
3.00 Buenos Aires: From the Teatro Colón. Juan José Castro (El llanti de las sierras); Ginastera (Pampeana No 3); Piazzolla (Tangazzo, Variations on a Buenos Aires theme); Luis Gianneo (El tarco en flor)
4.00 Antwerp: From the Rubens House. Villancicos and madrigals by Pedro Ruimonte, with instrumental music by Lucas Ruiz de Ribayaz, Francisco Correa de Araujo and Bartolomé de Selma y Saleverde
5.00 Boston: From the Jordan Hall. Copland (Two Pieces for String Quartet); John Heiss (Pieces for solo flute); John Cage (Concerto for Prepared Piano); John Zorn (Cobra)
6.00 Paris: From the Maison de Radio. Milhaud (Kentuckiana Carnaval à la Nouvelle Orléans; Scaramouche); Gershwin (Three Preludes; Rhapsody in Blue)
7.00 The journal of Columbus
7.05 Mexico City: From the Universidad Autónoma de México. Ponce (Trio romántico); Daniel Catan (Trio); Simon Tapia Colman (Trio prehispánico); Armande Lavalle (Trio No 2)
8.00 Detroit: From the Orchestra Hall. Ives (Symphony No 1); Barber (Symphony No 1)
9.00 Lisbon: From the Church of São Roque. Carlos Seixas (Mass in G); João Rodrigues Esteves (Mass for Double Chorus)
10.00 Copenhagen: From the Danish Radio Concert Hall. Music in the Wake of Columbus, including new works by Hermeto Pascoal, and an arrangement of Thelonius Monk's Round Midnight
11.00 New York: From Symphony Space. Jazz classics from the New World to the Old
12.00 The journal of Columbus
12.05am Sounds from Another World: Records of traditional music from North and South America
12.30 News 12.35 Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from St Mary's Church, Cottingham, North Humberside (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Harry Secombe speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the Royal British Legion **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Paul's Church, Bedford
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus (s)
11.15 News Stand, with Matthew d'Ancona (s)
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Lord Sainsbury **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Torquay and District Horticultural Society in Devon put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Jack Andrews. Chairman Clay Jones (s)
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Man-Eater of Malgudi. R.K. Narayan's humorous novel, dramatised by William Ash. The arrival of the monstrous Vasu (Bhasker) in the small Indian town of Malgudi ruins the lives of Nataraj (Sam Dastor) and his friends (s) (r)
4.00 News; Analysis (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen talks to Berlie Doherty, winner of the 1992 Carnegie Medal for Children's Literature
5.00 Kershaw On . . . Andy Kershaw visits Crouch End in north London (s) (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! marks the centenary of the death of Alfred Lord Tennyson (s) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 The Village (r)
6.30 Servants of the Empire: Egypt. The daily life of Britons who served in the Middle East from the 1880s to the 1950s
7.00 In Business: Who Needs Unions? (r)
7.30 Bookshelf (s) (r)
8.00 Opinion: Charles Medawar discusses the pharmaceutical business (r)
8.30 Radio Times/Radio 4 Enterprise '92 Awards: Jacqueline and Martin Gilleland, who converted their 14th-century Herefordshire home into The Marsh Country Hotel and Restaurant, compete for the £10,000 award. Poletech Systems of Newark are in the running for the £5,000 award with their new shock-proof sockets for traffic signs (s)
9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 News**
10.15 Europe of a Hundred Tongues: Billy Kay explores the reasons for the historic erosion of lesser-used languages in Europe (r)
11.00 Into the Fifth Continent
● CHOICE: The Scots poet John Rice, who wanders somewhat haphazardly through the Romney Marsh flatlands of Kent in Roy Apps's charmingly old-fashioned travelogue, constantly surprises us. Not a mention of Russell Thorndike's smuggling parson Dr Syn, or the long-woolled sheep that take their name from the marsh. And probably only a poet who enjoys loneliness, as Rice says he does, would be able to say of Dungeness and its skyline-spoiling nuclear power station that he would rather be on this shingle-strand than anywhere else on earth (s)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Fr Wilfred McGreal reflects on the tradition and spirituality of the Carmelite Order, which is celebrating its 750th anniversary in England (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies with The Weekend Breakfast Show **9.30** Dave Lee Travis **12.30pm** Pick of the Pops: Top 20 charts of 1963, 1977 and 1983 **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The Complete UK Top 40 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (FM only after **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon: The Sunday Show **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **12.00-7.00pm** *Desmond Carrington* with Radio 2 All-Time Greats; **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell with Sounds Easy; **4.00** Tea at Claridge's; **4.30** Sing Something Simple; **5.00** Charlie Chester with your Sunday Soapbox **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from St Paul's Church, Onslow Square, South Kensington **9.00** Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme. Hank Wangford with an A-Z of country music **12.05am** Nick Barraclough's New Country **1.00-4.00am** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Weekend Edition **9.30** Whoppers **10.00** Johnnie Walker **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Sunday Brunch **1.40** Open Forum **2.00** Kitchen Cabinet **2.30** Room 101: John Walters (r) **3.00** Sunday Sport. Golf: Toyota World Matchplay; Rugby League: Stones Bitter Championship **6.00** Walking in Big Footsteps: Janet Ellis visits the English Riviera in Devon (r) **6.30** Education Matters (r) **7.15** How We Lived Then **7.30** When in Italy (r) **8.00** Restart French **8.30** Deutsch Express **9.00** Dragnet **9.30** Club Class: Jo Brand (r) **10.10** Across the Line, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** World Business Review **5.40** Travel and Weather **5.45** Programmes in German **6.30** News, Europe This Weekend **6.55** European Sports News **6.59** Weather **7.00** News **7.15** Letter from America **7.30** Programmes in French **7.59** Weather **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On. **9.00** News **9.09** Words of Faith **9.15** Classics with Kay **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Review **10.15** Short Story: A Gift for the Emperor Dwarf **10.30** Folk in Britain **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** In Praise of God Midday Newsdesk **12.29pm** Travel News **12.30** BBC English **12.45** News and British Press Review in German **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: Double Cross **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.01** About Face **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** Concert Hall **5.00** News **5.09** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Programmes in German **6.00** News and Business Review **6.15** Club 648 **6.30** Programmes in French **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Programmes in German **9.00** News **9.09** Folk in Britain **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Europe Tonight **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.15** Meridian **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Praise of God **2.00** News **2.01** Salem — Witch Hunt 1692 **2.45** The Devil's Trill **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Composer of the Month: George Frederick Handel **4.00** News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup **4.30** Anything Goes **5.00** News **5.15** Behind the Glass Case

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** CD Requests **2.00pm** Celebrity Choice: Denis Healey **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind (r) **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Chicago SO under Sir Georg Solti **10.00** Sunday Night Out **11.00** Contemporary Classics **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

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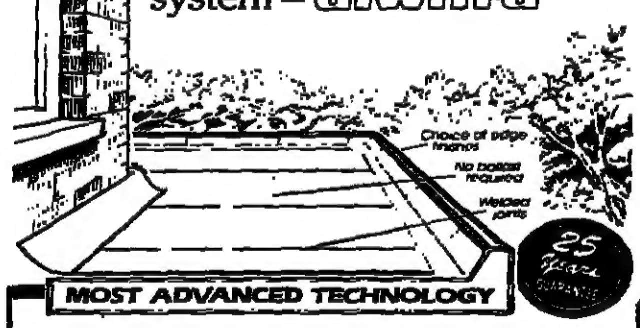

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There's a tiger in my shag-pile

Lynne Truss is reminded of how carpets and jungles are connected during programmes on two gardening masters

A FEW years ago, I found myself asking the price of carpets at a discount warehouse near Gray's Inn Road in central London. For reasons which will become apparent, this week the experience returned vividly to mind, because of something that was said to me by the salesman.

"How much is this one?" I remember asking. "Ah, well, now," the dapper fellow said, dodging smartly to the door to flip a cigarette stub on to the pavement, "it all depends." Oh blimey, I thought. We've got a right one here. So I just said, "Oh," and looked blank until he decided, in the fullness of time, to tell me what exactly it depended on.

He broke first. "You see," he said, with evident concentration, "if you buy it on the roll it's £15 a yard, but this piece here works out at £13 a yard, whereas if you bought it anywhere else it would be £20 a yard." "Gosh," I said in an admiring tone, "I had no idea it was so complicated." "I'm afraid it *is* a bit hard for outsiders to grasp," he said. "But the thing is, darling, carpets is a jungle."

It is the sort of image that stays with you. In fact, once it has been suggested to you that carpets is a jungle, it interferes with your dreams at night. Tarzan swings through vertical rolls of green Axminster; tigers lurk in gigantic shag-pile. And you keep thinking you will hear on the news of a lost Amazonian tribe with huts made of carpet tile, who are discovered worshipping an empty bottle of 1001.

Anyway, the point is that having spent at least five years trying to visualise carpets as a jungle, I was naturally rather pleased this week to see two programmes about gardens — Tuesday's *Omnibus* (BBC1) and last night's *Royal Gardens* (BBC2) — which brought jungles and carpets together in stark contrast, and thus showed them in their proper relationship (i.e., not connected in any way).

The inspired subject of *Omnibus* was the amazing Roberto Burle Marx, a Brazilian visionary landscape designer whose trademark is the huge cluster of jungle-type plants arranged in grand sculptural three-dimension, while Sir Roy Strong took us to Holland to see a restored 17th-century parterre, which looked so very much like a big flat carpet that you expected to see blokes with hammers tacking it down along the edges.

TV REVIEW

Thus, jungle versus carpet turned out to be the theme of the week. And virtually everything about these programmes demonstrated the same contrast — the one identified by E.M. Forster in *Aspects of the Novel* as the flat and the round. It was not only Sir Roy's favourite garden that was pancake-flat, you see: the aesthetic, the presentation, the camerawork, and even the incidental music of *Royal Gardens* were all weedy and two-dimensional, indeed probably invisible if viewed askance. The only fully rounded feature of the programme was Sir Roy's energetic black trousers (a remarkable pair, if I may say so), which buttoned not far from his chin and would certainly have walked unaccompanied if given the chance.

The argument of *Royal Gardens* was that the grounds of Hampton Court Palace should be restored to the glory of their William and Mary heyday. This sounds well enough until you realise that, in those days, the thing that mattered was the grand, flat view from the house. Looking out of an upstairs window, a royal person could survey a series of finely patterned parterres, a bit like the carpets department of John Lewis, only without the lino in between.

The trouble with this arrangement is that at ground level the box trees and coloured gravel of the parterre are about as stimulating as a 6in hedge and a bed of level grit can be expected to be.

That Sir Roy did not mind about the ground-level disadvantage was made all too clear when he went on to deprecate the presence of benches and litter bins in the modern-day arrangement at Hampton Court. How ugly they are, how grim. But on the other hand, did William and Mary never fancy a little sit-down? "Feel like taking the weight off, my dear?" "Yes, but where? For shame, nobody has yet invented the drab park bench." Also, what did the royal couple do with their empty crisp packets and unfinished individual fruit pies? Poke them in the tiny hedges and run off giggling?

One thing is for sure, Burle Marx would not approve of a garden that suggests rubber backing and felt underlay, or that works better without people in it. For here, in *Omnibus*, was Three Dimensional Man in all his aspects — artist, humanitarian, bon vivant, singer and unregenerate fat person.

Andrew Snell's film was rich in colour (*Royal Gardens* was bleached and windy), and the orchestral music surged over superb helicopter shots of glorious landscape, and left you a bit weak from the excitement. In the new series of *The House of Eliott* (BBC1), there is a scene that crops up each week, in which one of the sisters says of some art work, "Oh yes, yes. The colour! The texture!" Banal as it is, I found myself saying precisely this ("The colour! The texture!") all the way through the Burle Marx *Omnibus*.

It needs to be said that one of the greatest pleasures of watching too much television is to see a programme on Tuesday that equips you (by chance) with all the arguments for knocking down a programme on Friday night. For example, Mr Burle Marx not only applauded the three-dimensional approach to landscape design ("You walk through a garden as through a sculpture," he said), but he also recognised time as a significant fourth dimension, thus allowing for the fact that plants have a tendency to grow.

Good point, says the Tuesday viewer, and forgets all about it. But then, on Friday, Sir Roy praises this amazingly short, clipped, strangled, tufted garden at Het Loo in Holland (he wants Hampton Court restored the same way) by declaring happily: "It is as though the clock had stopped on the day William died." And instead of thinking "Fair enough", you find yourself thinking unaccustomed thoughts, such as, "Things in gardens must grow big! Time should not stand still!" and wondering where on earth such dogma came from.

Being an arts programme, *Omnibus* concentrated on the art, which did mean leaving out a few things one wanted to know. I mean, presumably a Burle Marx garden does not come cheap, but I am only guessing. Having asked a jobbing gardener this summer to price paving two square yards and erecting a small arbour (and been pole-axed by the size of the estimate), I would have been interested to see whether, when Burle Marx is commissioned to pave and plant 4km of Copacabana Beachfront, he charges more than my chap for the entire job.

The other thing one wanted to know was how he starts and executes his designs (we saw them only when complete). Does he arrive on site with a Stanley extendable rule, measuring the distance from the front door? Does he make notes on the back of an envelope? I would have liked to know.

Money was more prominent in the *Royal Gardens* programme, as it could hardly fail to be. Sir Roy made no bones about it: royal gardens were expressions of wealth and status; at Het Loo (great name) the tulips were planted wide apart for better viewing because they were the herbaceous equivalent of £1 million notes. Gardens expressed noble things, like mastery over nature, of course: but also "Who's the king of the castle?" and "Look what I got, nah, nah, nah."

Sir Roy did refer to that insane period in Dutch history when tulip bulbs were so precious and desirable they could command a price of 1,000 gilders (when a set of glasses was 1 gilder, and a landscape painting 2 gilders), but he didn't say who bought them at those prices.

Are there cautionary tales in Dutch folklore about silly rich people buying tulip bulbs and then not planting them for fear of someone digging them up? There ought to be. Did sleazy blokes accost the good burghers at street corners, selling daffs and narcissus under false pretences? What horticultural chaos. "You won't believe it, dear," Mary would say to William in the evening, "but it seems we paid 800 gilders for a grape hyacinth." "Damn," says William. "The thing is, darling, tulips is a jungle."

Planting seeds of thought, but raising questions: Sir Roy Strong (BBC2 *Royal Gardens*) and Roberto Burle Marx (BBC1 *Omnibus*)

TV PREVIEW

● **So You Want to Play Golf With Peter Alliss**
(This morning, BBC2, 11.45am)
Am I alone in detecting a rather aggressive sneer packed into this new series? I mean, even if you did, desperately, want to play golf with Peter Alliss, I think you might be put off by the "Don't make me laugh" attitude in the title. "So you want to play *golf* with *Peter Alliss*? Blimey, that's a good one." What are things coming to? Watch out for *Mastermind* re-titled "Think You're Such a Clever-Dick, I've Heard It All Now".

● **Island of Flowers**
(Tonight, Channel 4, 10.10pm)
Columbus celebrations being taboo among the politically correct, Channel 4 has organised a large alternative Latin-American season, starting tonight, including many arcane items of a p.c. nature. Among the offerings is this 15-minute film from Brazil which we are told is "a witty history of the tomato". No doubt Channel 4 considers this light relief, but I am outraged. Why not a serious history of the tomato? These broadcasting people are all the same: no sensitivity. The tomato has suffered indignity and exploitation enough.

● **World in Action**
(Monday, ITV, 8.30pm)
This programme looks at passive smoking, and recruits home video (yes, more home video) as part of the evidence. Kiddies wearing "You smoke, I choke" T-shirts have been filming their parents doing it in bed (smoking) with the purpose of revealing to the parents how disgusting and selfish and stupid they are. But will the parents sob penitently and snap their fags in half? Some hope, quite hopefully. They are more likely to sell the video to buy more cigs. Last year, in the *Jack Dee Show* (Channel 4), we got the classic answer to this kind of pleading. "What's this on your T-shirt? 'You smoke, I choke'? Sounds fair enough."

● **The Booker Prize**
(Tuesday, BBC2, 9pm)
Booker night is a big event in any self-respecting household. The tension of the shortlist period rises to a great shuddering climax, only slightly dented by the problem that *The Late Show* can't find pundits who will recommend any of the books. In my home, the thrill is mingled with a rather pleasant self-pity, because I used to be invited to the ceremony, pointing out Melvyn Bragg to the cats ("There! Look! Look!") is not quite the same. Sometimes I wonder whether I was dropped for refusing (in *Oscar and Lucinda* year) to eat the main course of venison and hare. But I couldn't help it; I was assailed by the awful thought that it would be like eating Bambi and Thumper at the same time.

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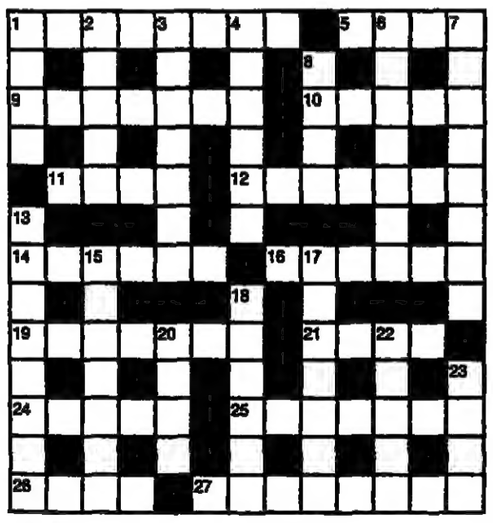
CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2915



ACROSS
1 Drinking tour (3,5)
5 Murderous frenzy (4)
9 Rabat kingdom (7)
10 Cathedral priest (5)
11 Indian copper coin (4)
12 Participated (7)
14 Tome (6)
16 Rabbit colony (6)
19 Barcelona parades (7)
21 Soften (4)
24 Glimmer (5)
25 Advisers group (7)
26 Chief Venice magistrate (4)
27 Innocently naive (4-4)

DOWN
1 Tyre inflater (4)
2 Junior noble (5)
3 Recover (7)
4 Happy cries (6)
6 Labour unit (3,4)
7 Giant film ape (4,4)
8 Maple tree (4)
13 Evened out as (8)
15 Hobbling (7)
17 Weapons store (7)
18 Mind, soul (6)
20 Long plucked instrument (4)
22 Fortunate (5)
23 Slog (4)

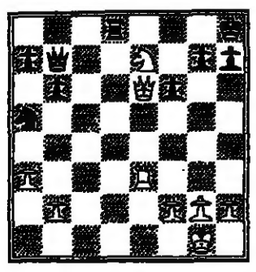
SOLUTIONS TO NO 2914

ACROSS: 1 Cashmere 7 Ad hoc 8 Small arms 9 Lip 10 Ilex 11 Attire 13 Emerge 14 Versus 19 Spills 20 Orfe 21 Hop 23 Sixth Form 24 Tacit 25 Indebted

DOWN: 1 Castile 2 Siamese 3 Mole 4 Rarity 5 Whole 6 Scope 7 Aspired 12 Against 15 Sort out 16 Stemmed 17 Flaxen 18 White 19 Space 22 Ghee

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is a possible variation from Speelman — Levitt, Lloyds Bank 1992. Speelman, a note tactician, would have foreseen white's win here many moves in advance. What is it?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Batsford chess book. The answer and the winners will be printed in *The Times* on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Bc7. The winners are: P.W. Foster, Alderley Edge; B. Piper, London, N9; W. Laurie, Enfield.

Nice boys with epic talent

EMF have left behind their teeny-bop image for something more meaningful, writes **Caitlin Moran**

THE past of EMF could have whole books written about it. *The Encyclopaedia of Being Hugely Successful* would be one; with multiple references to being good-looking, young, and swaggering to number one in the US with your first single. Even the band name would have a chapter or two to itself — some would have it that they are the Epsom Mad Funkers. Others believe the "E" in EMF stands for, uh ... And that the "F" stands for ... well. However, the "M" on more than one occasion has stood for "Mother". What do EMF think of their mothers? A disposable generation, huh?

Ian Dench: "My mother is a wonderful person. She was a singer and my father was a classical guitarist. I would lie awake in bed at night and hear these songs floating up the stairs: hum along to them in my head. And opera — I love opera, it's so dramatic. That's why we called the first album *Schubert Dip*, because I really do adore Schubert."

Uh-huh. You meet EMF expecting they're going to be wild-eyed, straddle-legged pop-kids, surfing off the outrageous good fortune and hype around them. From the Forest of Dean to the Toast of the US in six months must do *various* things to your ego, bank balance, and the whites of your eyes.

Instead, Dench is fit, thoughtful, and chews over his words, dismissing and discussing EMF's past reputation. He occasionally pushes his hair out of his eyes, talking about Life and Fame and all that stuff. So where's all the loud and screechy excess? What about those hell-raising stories of the drugs and the millions of screaming girlies, and the drugs and, uh, the millions of screaming girlies? Dench doesn't exactly *avoid* the question, but there are other things he wants to say ...

"When we first came out, we were marketed as a teeny-bop band; and basically we were too green and naïve to say no to kids' television, or teeny mags like *Smash Hits*," Dench says, pushing that hair out of his eyes again. "Y'know, we thought it'd be pretty cool to have a small piece in *Smash Hits*, 'cause they used to feature all the punk bands we loved. But they kept on using that photo session we did over and over again ... they got kind of obsessed with us. Things got out of control. It was embarrassing. We've kind of moved on now."

Yeah. The new album, *Stigma* (EMI Parlophone, released on September 28), is a lot more dramatic, a lot harder, a lot harsher than their unscuffed pop of before. It's very ... "Epic," Dench says. "It is quite epic." From the breathless four-minute sprint of "It's You" to the bruised "She Bleeds", *Stigma* is perfect "Stadium House" music — operatic, occasionally bombastic pop/dance.

So what does going to number one in the US do to your head? Take James Atkin, EMF's cute lead singer. Girlies of all ages would love to take him home and feed him cake and cocoa and tell him all their secrets. He never gives interviews, never speaks to the press, never speaks to the public.

James is kind of scared of the fans. "I think," Mark Decloedt says. "After we've done a gig we'll talk to people, but James doesn't know what to say. It's weird, 'cause he used to be a real extrovert in school." But now he's more vulnerable. Atkin shares the lyric-writing in EMF with Dench, "and in a lot of James's lyrics he seems to be scared of something. He's very, uh, deep. Very artistic. I can work when I have to work, but James — he writes on inspiration. Inspired moments."

EMF have just "done" the Reading Festival — a three-day event in a field of mud, playing to 50,000 cold, wet, bored and, if they can afford it, drunk teenagers. When the band came on stage and launched into heart-warming stuff such as "I Believe", "Lies" and "Unbelievable", the field was a mass of wildly dancing bodies, shouting all the lyrics and punching the air. Two years ago, EMF might have been shouted off stage for being too lightweight.

EMF have been carefully stockpiling credibility over the past year — a cover of arch rock-fiend Iggy Pop's "Search and Destroy", contributing to an anti-vivisection album, kicking their music around a bit so it rasps and grates beautifully. "This new album's for us, it's what we want to do," Dench says, pushing his hair out of his eyes one last time, and wandering off in search of what should — traditionally — be a groupie or two, but in all probability will be a nice curry; possibly vegetarian.

EMF, then. Very nice boys.

● *Tour dates for October: 10, Newcastle Poly; 12, Leeds University; 13, Nottingham Rock City; 14, Exeter University; 15, Portsmouth Guild Hall.*

No excess: EMF is more interested in inspired moments than screaming girlies and drugs

GUILTY SECRETS: Angus Deayton
"I tend to be keen on strip-format programmes, like *Top of the Pops*, *Film 92*, or *01*. You can absorb things in capsule form without watching whole programmes. I have a short attention span, so the idea of three minutes of a play or film appeals."
● *A new series of the BBC2 news quiz* Have I Got News For You, *chaired by Angus Deayton, begins next Friday.*

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